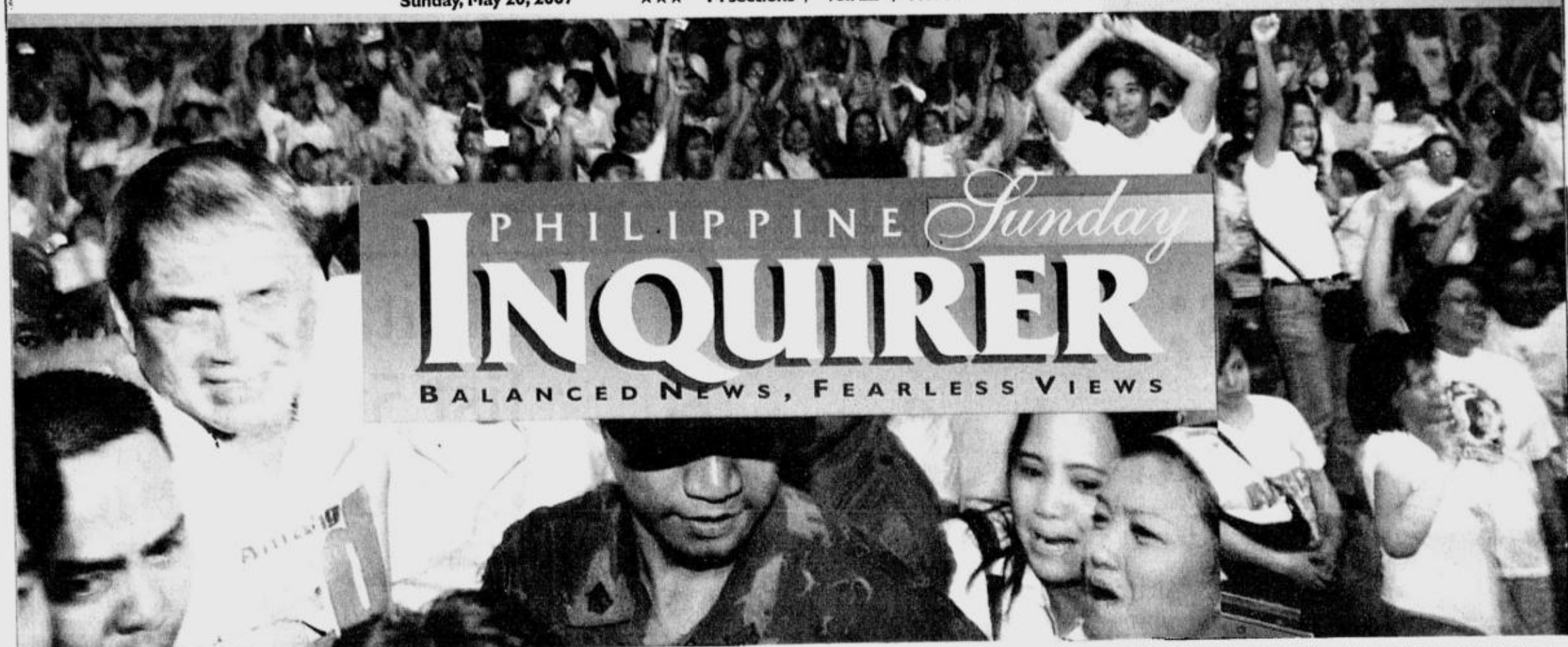




THE VOICE OF THE KAPAMPANGAN: Euphoria at the Bren Guiao Convention Center in San Fernando City, Pampanga, followed the proclamation on Friday night of Fr. Ed Panlilio as the province's new governor.

'No jueteng, quarry scam'

Pampanga gov-elect outlines program of governance

THE GOOD FIGHTS

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

Old fiefdoms going as Valeras, Josons tumble

By the Inquirer Northern Luzon, Central Luzon and Southern Luzon

THE SERIES OF GUNSHOTS THAT echoed through Mt. Carmel Church compound in Quezon City last December signalled the loosening of the grip on power of one of the country's deeply entrenched political clans—the Valeras of Abra.

Results of the May 14 elections, released yesterday, also indicated that political fiefdoms in some other areas of Luzon were crumbling. One family suffered a massacre.

Others were dealt humiliating defeats but also demonstrated a tenacity to hang on to power despite the setbacks.

The Valeras lost their 20-year grip on the top political position in Abra after Eustaquio Bersamin beat incumbent Bangued Mayor Ma. Zita Valera in the race for governor.

Abra election supervisor Elenita Tabangin proclaimed Bersamin the winner

OLD FIEFDOMS/ A20

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THE CROWD OF KAPAMPANGAN, whether shod in slippers or well-heeled, came at him almost without end, kissing or shaking his hand, embracing him, being photographed with him.

In the first hours of the euphoria that followed his proclamation as governor-elect of Pampanga on Friday night, Fr. Eddie Panlilio, 53, did not just give

words of thanks to his supporters. He also made his post-election agenda quite clear: "Eku darayu. Isadsad taya ing krusada (Don't drift away. Let's fin-

ish the crusade)."

Panlilio, who beat two powerful allies of President Macapagal-Arroyo—Board Member Lilia Pineda and reelectionist Gov. Mark Lapid—does not want to be a mere novelty in Philippine politics or a lonely crusader of "new politics."

The so-called quarry scam, which has plagued the provincial capitol since the governorship of now Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid and through which the capitol was

NO JUETENG/ A8

Children wait for their mothers to come home

By Marlon Ramos
Inquirer Southern Luzon

TAYSAN, BATANGAS—TWELVE-YEAR-old Galileo Banaag Jr. would sit on the porch of the family home every afternoon with his nephew, eagerly waiting for his mother to come home with *pasalubong* (gifts).

Galileo, called GB by his mother, would do this despite knowing the present would invariably be for his nephew.

"I was happy just to see my mother even though I knew only my nephew would get a present," the boy said in Filipino. (See related story on Page A2.)

On Tuesday, GB was again sitting on

the veranda of the house in Pinagbayan but he was no longer waiting for her.

Instead, GB was looking at the casket of his mother, Nellie Banaag, who met a gruesome death when armed men torched the classroom where she was serving as a member of the board of election inspectors (BEI) last Tuesday.

Also killed in the dawn fire was Leticia Ramos, a poll watcher for reelectionist Gov. Armando Sanchez.

About a dozen others were seriously injured, including GB's older sister and father Galileo Sr., who both suffered burns.

CHILDREN/ A8

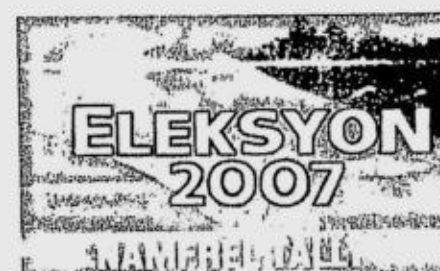
Namfrel tally: Zubiri breaks into Magic 12

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr., Jerome Aning and Cathy Yamsuan

GENUINE OPPOSITION CANDIDATE Loren Legarda last night held on to first place in the unofficial tally of the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections, even as Team Unity candidate Juan Miguel Zubiri broke into the Magic 12 in the Namfrel count for the first time.

In the 9:47 p.m. tally of Namfrel, Legarda chalked up 4,530,263 votes while GO's Francis Escudero was in second place with 4,356,788 votes.

NAMFREL/ A20



72,092 out of 224,748 precincts
As of 9:47 p.m. May 19, 2007

1	LEGARDA, Loren	GO	4,530,263
2	ESCUDERO, Francis	GO	4,356,788
3	LACSON, Panfilo	GO	3,913,727
4	VILLAR, Manuel	GO	3,718,749
5	PANGILINAN, Francis	Ind	3,717,257
6	AQUINO, Benigno	GO	3,545,881
7	ANGARA, Edgardo	TU	3,368,814
8	ARROYO, Joker	TU	2,995,550
9	HONASAN, Gregorio	Ind	2,898,943
10	ZUBIRI, Miguel	TU	2,848,482
11	CAYETANO, Alan	GO	2,791,541
12	TRILLANES, Antonio	GO	2,766,832
13	PIMENTEL, Aquilino	GO	2,766,763
14	RECTO, Ralph	TU	2,733,950
15	PICHAY, Prospero	TU	2,712,929
16	DEFENSOR, Michael	TU	2,562,077
17	MONTANO, Cesar	TU	2,319,432
18	ROCO, Sonla	GO	2,076,202
19	OSMENA, John	GO	1,931,442
20	SOTTO, Vicente	TU	1,875,786

Fil-Am poll observer: My duty is here

By Volt Contreras

AMONG THE FOREIGN OBSERVERS OF the May 14 elections, one young Filipino-American has yet to book a return flight, believing her work here is far from over.

Cecilia Pe Lero, born and raised in the United States and a political science magna cum laude graduate of New York University, has actually spent the last

eight months in Manila with her Filipino relatives.

What began as a vacation from the Big Apple turned into an eye-opening lesson in Philippine politics that could shape the promising career of this 21-year-old.

Lero extended her stay so she could join the International Observers Mission (IOM) 2007, a civil society initiative to monitor the balloting and draw global attention to signs of fraud. The lone Fil-

Am was also the youngest among the 16 IOM delegates from nine countries.

"It was very important for me to come back and work here," Lero told the INQUIRER on Wednesday at her uncle's house in Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City. (Her Filipino parents last brought the younger of their two children to the Philippines in 1989, when she was only four years old.)

FIL-AM/ A12



TRAILBLAZER

eTelecare is up in lights on Times Square in New York City as it becomes the first Philippine-incorporated business outsourcing company and the second Filipino company to complete an Initial Public Offering on the Nasdaq stock exchange.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Seeing stars fall (and rise) in politics

By Bayani San Diego Jr. and Norman Bordadora

WHILE "GUNS, GOONS, GOLD and Garci" may still prevail in the country, show biz "glitter" will soon fade from national and local elections, according to experts.

An anthropologist, a historian, a media critic and political analysts have noticed the trend: Popularity is not enough to ensure election victory.

"Until about 10 or 15 years ago,

SEEING/ A8



THE PGH gets \$1 million donation from Coca-Cola International in time for its centennial. At the turnover rites are, from left, Coca-Cola International president/CEO Neville Isdell, PGH Medical Foundation Inc. president Dr. Gregorio Alviar Jr., UP Manila vice chancellor Dr. Orino Talens, PGH director Dr. Carmelo Alfiler, Sen. Pia Cayetano, Dr. Armand Crisostomo, PGH Centennial Celebration chair.

NEWS / A5

Students invited to join the 5th Ramon Magsaysay essay contest

WORLD / A25

Blast at 17th century mosque in Hyderabad, India, kills 10, wounds 17

JOB MARKET

Today is last day of Summer Career Expo at Megamall

SUNDAY MAGAZINE

STRESS AND THE CITY: When you have to get away from the heart of the city, here's how and where.

SUNDAY BIZ / B1

THE GOSPEL according to Ruth: Enrich a person's values to solve poverty.

LIFESTYLE / C1

MOTHER BLOGGERS

is a form of processing one's inner thoughts and feelings and finding other like-minded individuals.

EZZ
24 6 | 8 8 8 5 9 2
Mid-Day SUERTRES Evening
6 6 0 | 7 7 3
(All in exact order)
6/42 LUZON/VIS-MIN
8 10 18 30 32 34
P9,023,659.20

Second FRONT PAGE

E-mail: pr_news@inquirer.com.ph

Website: www.inquirer.net/nation

Text us your feedback: inquirer news name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain showers or thunderstorms.

Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod	Partly Cloudy
Baguio	Partly Cloudy	Roxas	Partly Cloudy
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	Cebu	Partly Cloudy
Laoag	Partly Cloudy	Tacloban	Partly Cloudy
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	Gen. Santos	Partly Cloudy
Tagaytay	Partly Cloudy	Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy	Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy
Calapan	Partly Cloudy	Davao	Partly Cloudy

COMPILED BY LAW DE GUZMAN, INQUIRER RESEARCH/05/19/07 SOURCE: PAGASA

Probers: Guards told to pull out before fire

By Alcuin Papa

TOP POLICE OFFICERS IN THE CALABARZON area are under investigation for reportedly ordering policemen guarding a school in Taysan, Batangas, to pull out minutes before it was burned down, killing a teacher and a poll watcher, during the canvassing of votes at dawn of May 15.

Philippine National Police Director General Oscar Calderon has ordered Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) chief Director Edgardo Doromal to spare no police officer in the probe.

"Whoever is involved here, even if the person is a police general, let the ax fall where it may," Calderon told reporters during an inspection of the school.

Schoolteacher Nellie Banaag and poll watcher Leticia Ramos burned to death after armed men, who turned out to be policemen, torched the Pinagbayan Elementary School in Taysan during the canvassing of votes for the

May 14 elections.

CIDG investigators of the INQUIRER they were able to establish that security personnel, composed of elements of the Philippine Air Force led by Taysan deputy chief of police Insp. Ruel de la Cruz who were guarding the school, were ordered to leave their posts.

"Chief Insp. Elpidio Ramirez, Taysan police chief, ordered the pull out. But he could not have given the order without a corresponding order or clearance from his superiors. We are trying to find out who gave that order to Ramirez," the CIDG investigators, who requested anonymity

for lack of authority to speak on the matter, said.

On Friday, Ramirez, De la Cruz, Regional Special Operations Group (ROSG) Batangas team leader Insp. Roberto Marinda and his deputy SPO2 William Relos Jr. were placed under the custody of the CIDG and are now under investigation.

PNP Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM) chief Director Geary Barias yesterday said that witnesses identified Marinda and Relos as two of the men who started the fire which razed the school. Ramirez and De la Cruz are under investigation for lapses on their part.

Barias said the M-16 automatic rifles and .45-cal. pistols of Marinda and Relos were now being subjected to ballistics tests.

ROSG Region 4-A head Supt. James Brillantes was also relieved of his post pending the investigation, Barias said. Brillantes went on a 30-day leave Thursday.

Another CIDG investigator said ROSG men were spotted by wit-

nesses staying at the house of Hernando Villena, incumbent Taysan mayor and mayoral candidate, before the elections.

Barias said they will investigate the involvement of other police officers in the incident, specifically the three or four other members of the Batangas ROSG.

The investigators said Ramirez ordered De la Cruz to "leave the area because the ROSG is moving in."

The ROSG is a special police unit assigned to high-profile crimes.

Instead of pulling out all the security detail, De la Cruz left five PAF men to guard the front of the school.

Shortly after, the suspects moved to the rear of the school, caused a loud explosion, poured gasoline on ballot boxes and set them on fire, gutting the school and several ballot boxes.

Thinking a firefight was going on, Banaag and Ramos hid inside a toilet where their charred bodies were found.

Militant groups list 54 cases of fraud, violence

By Alcuin Papa and Norman Bordaora

MILITANT GROUPS CLAIMED yesterday they recorded 54 incidents of electoral fraud and violence in 30 areas allegedly perpetrated by military and police from May 14 to 18.

But the Philippine National Police claim not to have received any information on such incidents.

The militant groups should file formal complaints if they know of such cases, said Director Geary Barias, chief of the PNP's Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM).

Citing reports from Task Force Poll Watch 2007, Kabataan party-list president and nominee Raymond Palatino said the incidents reported from all over the country ranged from the abduction and harassment of party-list volunteers and poll watchers; the presence of police and military in polling centers, and a smear and black propaganda campaign against progressive party-list groups, allegedly by the military and police.

Poll watch force

Task Force Poll Watch 2007 is an election-monitoring, documentation and quick reaction team formed by progressive party-list groups like Bayan Muna, Gabriela, Anakpawis and Kabataan.

Among the areas these incidents were reported to have occurred were Porac, Pampanga; Guinto, Nueva Ecija; Nasugbu and Taysan in Batangas; Quezon; Masbate; Makati; Palawan; Marikina; Lanao del Sur and Isabela.

Palatino also cited the murder of two Kabataan organizers and poll watchers in Camarines Sur and the abduction of poll watchers in Cagayan Valley and Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

"These killings and cases of political harassment are the worst forms of electoral fraud," Palatino said.

Claims dismissed

But Barias dismissed the group's claim. "We don't know of any of these incidents. But maybe they should give us their list and we will investigate that and find out if the allegations are true or not," he said in a phone interview.

He said it would be "best" for Palatino and his group to file formal complaints.

The Bantay Boto election watchdog yesterday claimed that pre-fabricated certificates of canvass and "pre-computed" election results would come into play next

week to boost the ranking of at least three Team Unity candidates in the ongoing count.

Bantay Boto, a group of retired generals, military and police officers, said the stage was set after the first week of counting and the results of exit polls revealed to those behind the alleged Oplan Mercury Rising how many votes were needed "to overturn the early leads of opposition candidates."

"Reports from the field confirm that the election fraud operators of Oplan Mercury Rising are ready to issue out pre-computed and pre-accomplished statements of votes and certificates of canvass at the municipal and provincial areas covered by the Oplan," said retired Commodore Ismael Aparri, a Bantay Boto convenor.

'Administration plan'

Oplan Mercury Rising is ostensibly an administration cheating plan to offset the opposition leads in Metro Manila and Luzon.

Aparri said that as in the 2004 elections, the opposition's lead is expected to be wiped out with the vote, coming in from Cebu, Iloilo and Bohol. The coup de grace would come from Mindanao.

Opposition standard-bearer Fernando Poe Jr.'s lead was wiped out when the votes from Cebu, Iloilo and Bohol and the President's lead of one million was completed when the votes from special elections and the ARMM provinces were finally submitted as the last provinces to be canvassed, Aparri said.

Winning circle

"The idea is to push the senatorial bids of [Miguel] Zubiri, [Michael] Defensor and [Prospero] Pichay, among others, into the winning circle, even if they land in the last slots," Aparri said.

"The magic number to add is at least two million votes in Oplan Mercury Rising provinces, roughly an average of 100,000 leads in about 20 provinces," he said.

Bantay Boto said the needed votes would turn up in five provinces—Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sharif Kabunsuan and new additions in the oplan Sultan Kudarat and Surigao del Sur—which have a combined 1,349,410 registered voters.

Bantay Boto alleges that pre-computed totals from the five provinces would show Defensor leading all candidates with 967,434 votes, followed by Pichay with 960,898 votes.

Pangilinan would place third with 958,372 votes and Zubiri would be in the fourth spot with 954,361.

Misuari looking like a loser in Sulu polls

JOLO, SULU—MUSLIM REBEL leader Nur Misuari, who is under detention awaiting trial, looks certain to lose the race for governor in his home province with most of the votes counted, according to election officials.

With almost 80 percent of the ballots from the May 14 elections counted, Misuari, honorary chair of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), is trailing in third place with only 19,121 votes, according to the results released yesterday.

Former governor Abdusukur Tan is leading with 86,434 votes, followed by incumbent Gov. Benjamin Loong, with 53,096 votes.

Misuari, who is being held for leading a failed rebellion against the government in 2001, was allowed to run for governor of his home province Sulu.

He was even allowed temporary liberty so that he could fly to Jolo to campaign and cast his vote before being flown back to detention. He had been under

house arrest since mid-2006 in New Manila, Quezon City, near St. Luke's Medical Center where he had been confined at one time after complaining of various ailments, including hypertension.

The MNLF under Misuari signed a peace pact with the government in 1996, ending years of bloody violence in Mindanao.

Misuari became governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, but was later thrown out amid allegations of massive corruption in the regional government.

In 2001, he and his supporters attacked government targets in the Sulu islands and nearby Zamboanga City.

Shortly after the rebellion, Misuari fled to Malaysia but was arrested and returned to the Philippines, where he is awaiting trial for rebellion.

Under the law, Misuari can stand for election as he has not yet been found guilty of a criminal offense.

AFP

Getting you wired for the

BIG SYSTEMS

with our BS Computer Science and Information Technology

The Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Information technology (BS CSIT) degree program is a four-year trimestral course which produces Information Technology (IT) professionals with specialized skills catering to the needs of business and industry. This course covers a wide range of disciplines, including Systems Analysis and Design, Programming and Networking.

BSCSIT students may choose between two specializations. **Systems & Software Engineering** is both a theoretical and technical track that teaches how to use information and knowledge for the management, direction and development of the ever-growing computerized business infrastructure. **Computer Network Engineering** gives students excellent hardware and software skills applicable to the most in-demand technological fields today, such as telecommunications, wireless computer networking, and the Internet.

Only Asia Pacific College can give your child hands-on experience of the corporate world with its rigorous 6-month Internship Program. The faculty is composed of IT and business professionals capable of imparting relevant high-quality education. Scholarships and financial assistance are also offered to deserving students. So give your child the edge he needs to meet today's global challenges. Enroll him now at APC.

APC. Your road to success.

asia
pacific
college

CHED Center of Excellence in IT Education

BS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
major in
• Business Management
• Marketing & Advertising
• Management Information Systems (MIS)

AB IN MULTIMEDIA ARTS
BS IN ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT
BS IN ACCOUNTANCY
BS IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING
BS IN ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING

BS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
with specialization in
• Systems & Software Engineering
• Computer Network Engineering

3 Humabon Place, Magallanes, Makati, 1232 Philippines • Tel: 852-9670; 852-9671
email: admissions@apc.edu.ph • url: www.apc.edu.ph

An educational partnership of **SM Foundation** and **IBM Philippines**



Enrolment for
SY 2007-2008
on-going

Despite loss, Ang Kapatiran claims victory

By Norman Bordadora

for the poorest of the poor in the generation of our grandchildren will be much better by making a difference now."

WITH ITS THREE SENATE bets languishing at the bottom of the national canvass, the political party Ang Kapatiran still claimed victory yesterday.

Clearly, it was not because of a strong showing in the elections. It was for having grabbed enough of the public's attention to make it aware that there's a much better kind of politics out there.

"Did we succeed? We did not get enough votes for a seat in the Senate. But we did get the attention of the electorate and, more importantly, we made people aware of alternative solutions, better political options," said Ang Kapatiran party founder Nandy Pacheco.

"We demonstrated that it is possible to conduct an open, honest, vigorous campaign on programs, not personalities," he said.

No ads

Kapatiran's candidates—former Visiting Forces Agreement Commission executive director Zosimo Paredes, erstwhile US-based doctor Martin Bautista and lawyer-radio broadcaster Adrian Sison—ran a campaign that shunned monetary support from interest groups.

They did not go into advertising because they believed it was immoral to spend P100,000 on a 30-second TV spot while the country's poor were homeless and hungry.

Instead, the Kapatiran candidates attended public fora and guested on TV and radio shows to get their message across for free.

They also campaigned in population centers such as malls and markets; only a few went to the provinces as this would entail additional expense.

Giving

"Our fundamental premise is this: Politics is not a means of livelihood. It is not an economic investment that will pay off in future gain. Politics is a way of giving, of sharing and of helping. It is not soliciting support but providing it," Pacheco said.

"If we have, even in a small tentative way, redefined politics in the Philippines, then we have been fully recompensed for our efforts," he added.

Despite its failure to sit its candidates in the Senate, Pacheco said Kapatiran would continue to participate in future elections.

"The accomplishments of our greatest heroes cannot be judged in the simplistic terms of triumph or defeat. Like Gomez, Burgos and Zamora, the Kapatiran candidates won no instant victory. But they made a beginning, advanced the cause for reform, and awakened a hope that such reform is possible," he said.

"Ang Kapatiran believes that the future

We Buy Diamonds! Cash Paid Instantly

Accepts diamonds 2 carats and up preferably round, emerald or old miner's (Antigo) cut.

Tel. Nos.: 817-8855 • 815-3191 • 0926-7093812

Guaranteed to give you the HIGHEST appraisal for your diamonds!

Only at

JOAILLIER
Fine Jewelry

Ground Floor, Dusit Hotel Nikko, Ayala Center, Makati City
Mondays to Saturdays 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

All transactions strictly confidential

Coleman
The Outdoor Company™

Congratulates

Noelle Wenceslao, Garina Dayondon, & Janet Belarmino



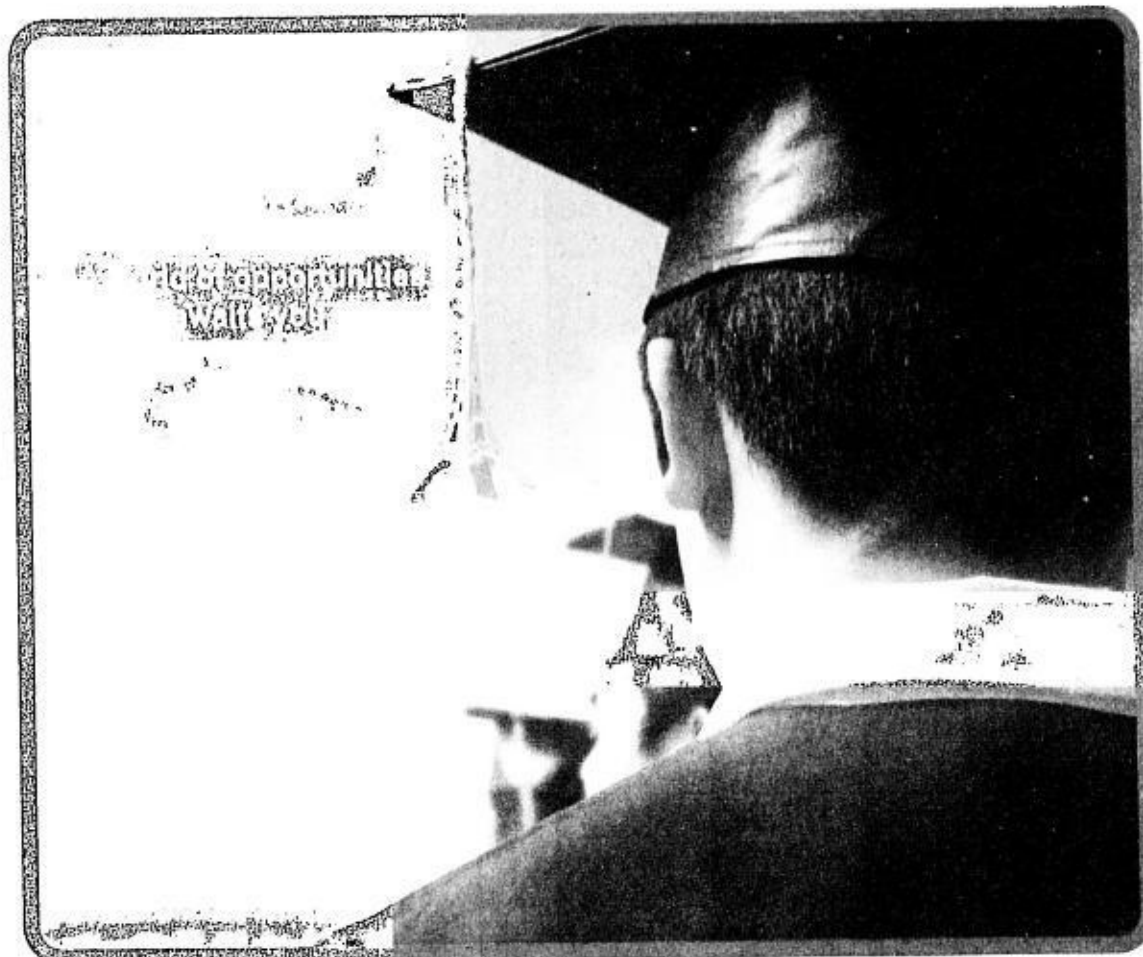
The First Southeast Asian Women on top of Mt. Everest.

Coleman is the proud sponsor of the 1st Pinay Mt. Everest Team.

KAYA PINAY
1ST PINAY MT. EVEREST TEAM

Official Outdoor Equipment

Coleman is exclusively distributed by FOCUS GLOBAL INC. Pioneer cor. Reliance Sts. Mandaluyong City



Take the first step to a bright future. Enroll at FEU.

FEU COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TEST SCHEDULES FOR THE 1ST SEMESTER OF SY 2007-2008:

- Admissions Testing—Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
- Admissions tests are administered at the Nursing Building Computer Laboratories.
- Application forms available at the Admissions and Placement Office (APO), Mondays to Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or can be downloaded from www.feu.edu.ph
- Contact us: (02)736-0036; (02)734-4971; (02)735-5621 loc 251; admissions@feu.edu.ph
- Freshmen enrollment is on-going
- 4,000 scholarship grants available

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Accounts, Business, Finance, Nursing, Medical Technology*, Physical Therapy*, Education, Arts, Sciences, Architecture, Fine Arts, Graduate Studies & Law**

* 3rd & 4th year Medical Technology and Physical Therapy currently taken at FEU-NRMF, West Fairview, Q.C.

** Juris Doctor-MBA jointly offered with De La Salle University at RCBC Plaza, Ayala Ave., Makati City



FEU-East Asia College
Nicanor Reyes Street, Sampaloc, Manila
Tel. 736-0015 to 19 • www.feu-eastasia.edu.ph



FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY
The Winning University.
Nicanor Reyes Street, Sampaloc, Manila
Tel. 736-0036 • 735-5621 to 30 loc. 251/295
www.feu.edu.ph
ISO 9001:2000 Certified



FEU-FERN College
Sampaguita Avenue, Mapayapa Village
Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. 931-0084 • www.leufem.edu.ph

"Ultimate mobility.
Ultimate speed.
Ultimate efficiency.

That's what
I want in one go."



It's possible!
Only Globe Visibility
powers the best
Treo ever.

**FREE
TREO 750**

+ FREE 1GB Memory Card
when you sign up for
Globe Visibility and Plan
3500 or above

- Powered by Microsoft Windows Mobile 5.0
- 3G HSDPA-enabled Broadband Data Speed Phone for video calls and fast internet access of up to more than 1 MBPS using Philippine's first and only super 3G HSDPA network of Globe.

TREO 750 also available for lower plans at 0% interest for 18 months. Visibility monthly service fee is only P2000/month.

Offer until May 24, 2007 only!

So go to the nearest Globe Hub or Business Center and subscribe now. Call 751-8888, visit www.hub-eshop.com or see flyers for more info.

Visibility
The ultimate in mobile internet



Treo 750
SMARTPHONE

yes sir, ang lakas mo sa **Globe**

Approved by DTI-NCR. Per DTI-NCR Permit No.1986, Series of 2007

'Dirty Harry' proclaimed in Manila, Eusebio in Pasig

By Allison W. Lopez,
Kristine L. Alave,
Nancy Carvajal
and Julie M. Aurelio

SEN. ALFREDO LIM finally reclaimed the mayoral post of the city of Manila yesterday

after he was proclaimed the winner in the hotly contested May 14 elections.

Lim, who earned the moniker "Dirty Harry" for his no-nonsense approach to crime-fighting, was proclaimed at

5:40 p.m. yesterday at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

Clad in a checkered shirt and sunglasses, the former police chief immediately issued a strong warning to criminals.

"To drug pushers, snatchers and rioters—I advise you to pack up and leave," Lim said, to the delight of the crowd. "They better cooperate, or else evaporate."

Lim, who was may-

or of Manila in 1992-1998, believed he won because the people still trusted him.

"I guess they were happy with what I'd done before," he said in Filipino.

The 77-year-old Lim thanked the public for its overwhelming support, as well as former President Joseph Estrada and the Iglesia ni Cristo who endorsed him.

bitter mayoral race.

Amid tension due to allegations of fraud, the Pasig City BoC proclaimed Eusebio the new mayor at about 5:45 a.m. Eusebio got 116,463 votes against his closest rival Rep. Robert "Dudut" Jaworski's 107,141 votes.

Eusebio replaces his father, Mayor Vicente Eusebio.

Protest

His vice mayoral and congressional running mates, Rosalio "Yoyong" Martinez and Roman Romulo, were also declared winners.

But Jaworski said he would protest the results with the Comelec. Jaworski's lawyers want the Comelec to declare a failure of elections in the city due to "systematic" and "massive cheating," allegations that Eusebio dismissed.

In other parts of Metro Manila, two reelectionist mayors were proclaimed winners by their respective board of canvassers.

Malabon Mayor Canuto Oreta, who ran unopposed, was declared the winner at 6 p.m. on Friday. Oreta, who is on his second term, got 97,334 votes.

Also proclaimed was incumbent Vice Mayor Arnold Vicen-

No more rallies

With 80 percent of the votes counted, the Commission on Elections declared Lim the winner with 297,881 votes. His rivals, Ali Atienza and Danilo Lacuna got 130,812 and 111,044 votes, respectively. Proclaimed the winner in the vice mayoral race was Isko Moreno with 176,215 votes.

In what could be welcome news to protesters, Lim declared that Mendiola would no longer be a no-rally zone under his term.

"Anyone has the right to assembly—provided it is conducted peacefully or it will not cause traffic problems," he said.

In Pasig City, the city Board of Canvassers yesterday declared Robert "Bobby" Eusebio the winner in the



COMELEC Chair Benjamin Abalos Jr. raises the hand of newly elected Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim after they accidentally met near Malate Church.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

cio who defeated Maricar Torres.

In Navotas, incumbent Mayor Tobias "Toby" Tiangco was declared the winner over Rep. Federico "Ricky" Sandoval at 2 a.m. on Saturday.

Slow pace

Also proclaimed winner was Tiangco's running mate, incumbent Vice Mayor Patrick Javier.

Tiangco, who is on his third term, garnered 45,554 votes while Sandoval got 24,105 votes.

In Muntinlupa City, two opposition bets yesterday asked the Comelec to speed up the canvassing, saying the slow pace might pave the way for dagdag-bawas (vote-padding and shaving).

Reelectionist Rep. Ruffy Biazon and mayoral candidate Aldrin San Pedro fear vote-padding and shaving during delays in the canvassing.

DzBB radio yesterday reported that the camp of Biazon's rival Ricardo "Dong" Puno had asked the Comelec to suspend the canvassing and move it to the Comelec's main office in Intramuros.

"The longer the canvassing will take, the higher the chance dagdag-bawas would take place," Biazon said.

The solon also said a change in venue might provide an op-



ROBERT Eusebio and his wife Maribel celebrate as he is proclaimed Pasig mayor by Comelec officials at the Pasig Sports Center.

RAFFY LERMA

portunity for ballot-switching and other forms of cheating.

Not the venue

The final National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel) quick count tally showed Biazon leading Puno by 8,227 votes, and San Pedro over Lor Fresnedi by a 12,227 margin.

But in a statement yesterday, Puno said that contrary to Biazon's claim, he wanted to speed up the canvassing of votes in Muntinlupa.

Lawyer Miscen

Desiderio, Puno's counsel, said this was the reason he asked the Comelec to immediately relieve and replace the members of the BoC in Muntinlupa, whom he blamed for the slow pace of the canvassing.

Desiderio also denied Biazon's claim that Puno wanted to change the site of the canvassing. "We are complaining about the delay, not the venue of the canvassing," Desiderio said. With reports from Jonnette H. Manosa and Maryanne Fresco

Cops get ready for classes

WITH THE SCHEDULED OPENING of classes next month, the Philippine National Police is beefing up security in the vicinities of schools and universities and other public places frequented by students.

PNP chief Director General Oscar Calderon has ordered all police commanders to intensify police visibility and anticrime operations near schools and other places such as bus terminals, malls, bookstores and areas frequented by students.

Calderon said police commanders must come up with a list of schools in their jurisdictions and prioritize these in the deployment of police personnel.

"It is necessary that these areas

be given due priority in order to prevent and suppress the occurrence of crime incidents such as pickpocketing, snatching and drug peddling to protect the students against criminal elements who may take advantage of the opening of classes," Calderon said.

The PNP chief told his commanders to review and improve their existing security plans based on past security operations. He also urged the activation of all school-based crime prevention programs.

Calderon said protocols for emergency situations like fire, typhoons, floods and civil disturbances should be reviewed and activated immediately. Alcuin Papa

Correction

IN THE MAY 19 issue, the banner story—"Miracle in Pampanga"—and the caption to the photo showing newly elected Pampanga governor Fr. Ed Panlilio and his supporters misstated that Panlilio is the first Catholic priest in the country to be elected to public office. In 1971, Fr. Margarito Gonzaga was elected to the position of municipal mayor of Alburquerque, Bohol.

Readers may send their requests for correction of factual errors in writing to the Day Desk, Philippine Daily Inquirer, PDI Building, Chino Roces Avenue corner Magsaysay Street, Makati City, fax Nos. 897-47-93/94; e-mail address: daydesk@inquirer.com.ph.

Complaints about lack of fairness or objectivity may be sent to Lorna Kalaw Tirol, readers' advocate, e-mail address: readersadvocate@inquirer.com.ph or fax Nos. 897-47-93/94, Attn: Readers Advocate. Her phone number is 897-8808 Local 342.

MIT
International School



"The first and only international school
in Alabang..."

cordially invites you to a
Luncheon-Forum on Effective Schooling

Theme:

*"Fostering willful learning and
living well with others."*

Speakers:

Isagani R. Cruz, Ph.D.; Ma. Carolina Gustilo-de Ocampo, Ph.D.;
Bienvenido V. Santos, Ed.D.

Venue: Vivere Hotel Conference Room

Date: Saturday, May 26, 2007

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

For reservations and inquiries please contact us at +632.809.3660



www.mitis.edu.ph

ASIA PACIFIC COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MULTIMEDIA ARTS



Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia Arts

Now accepting applicants
for SY 2007-2008

CHED Center of Excellence in IT Education

BS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
major in
• Business Management
• Marketing & Advertising
• Management
Information Systems (MIS)

AB IN MULTIMEDIA ARTS
BS IN ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT
BS IN ACCOUNTANCY
BS IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING
BS IN ELECTRONICS &
COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING

BS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
& INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
with specialization in
• Systems & Software Engineering
• Computer Network Engineering

3 Humabon Place, Magallanes, Makati, 1232 Philippines • Tel: 852-9670; 852-9671

• email: admissions@apc.edu.ph • url: www.apc.edu.ph

**asia
pacific
college**

An educational partnership of **SM** Foundation and **IBM** Philippines

Young US-educated scions hope to make their mark in politics



JUMAMOY

By Kit Bagaipo and
Jhunnex Napallacan
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—SOME young United States-educated political scions have scored electoral victories in the central Visayas region.

One is Jose Jono Jumamoy, only 21, who will take over the mayoral post from his mother, Josephine, in Inabanga, Bohol. He will be the youngest mayor of this small town, better known as the birthplace of Francisco Dago-hoy—the Boholano who led the Philippine's longest revolt against Spanish rule.

His father, Jose Jr., also once served as Inabanga town mayor. His age and inexperience were among the issues hurled by his opponents against him. They tried to project him as immature and incapable of handling the responsibilities of a town mayor.

But Jumamoy, who won with a margin of 11,000 votes over his rival, said the strategy obviously didn't work.

He graduated in November last year with a double degree in Management and International Business from Northwood University in West Palm Beach, Florida, and believes his youth is an advantage.

"You may not have the wisdom of an old man but you do have the energy, the passion and the drive for



FRASCO

change and progress," asserted Jumamoy.

"I can handle it," Jumamoy said of his new job, pointing out that he grew up in a family of politicians and was Sangguniang Kabataan president of Inabanga and the vice president of the SK Bohol Federation before leaving to study in the United States.

He said he gave up a position in the World Bank to come home and enter politics. His mother was ending her third and last term and ran for the provincial board. (She won, too.)

Jumamoy said he felt his business education and training in the US could be put to good use.

The town is known for its raffia-weaving industry. Jumamoy said he plans to tie up with exporters and push the global marketing of their products. The industry provides livelihood to loom weavers, most of whom belong to the town's poorest sector.

Poverty reduction will be his priority, he said. He also listed environmental rehabilitation, improved health care and population control, on his platform.

Another young, political balikbayan is 26-year-old Vincent Franco Frasco. He won the mayoral post in Liloan, Cebu, against his own grandaunt.

"Of course I am happy that I won. I am very thankful to my sup-

porters. But my happiness is not that much since I had to beat my own grandaunt. I don't know if sorry is the right word but I am a little sad for my grandaunt," Frasco said.

Frasco is the son of the late Panfil Frasco who was mayor of the town from 1992 to 2001. In 2001, Panfil ran for vice mayor with his aunt, Sevilla, running for mayor. Panfil was supposed to run again for mayor in

2004 but he passed away a year earlier.

Frasco did not grow up in Liloan since he went to the US when he was only six years old. But he came home for a vacation yearly and still speaks Cebuano fluently.

Frasco obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree in 2003 and Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California.

He worked as an internal audit consultant from 2004 to 2006 in an American firm.

Frasco said he decided to come home because he wanted to emulate his father, whom he described as "the man for the people of Liloan."

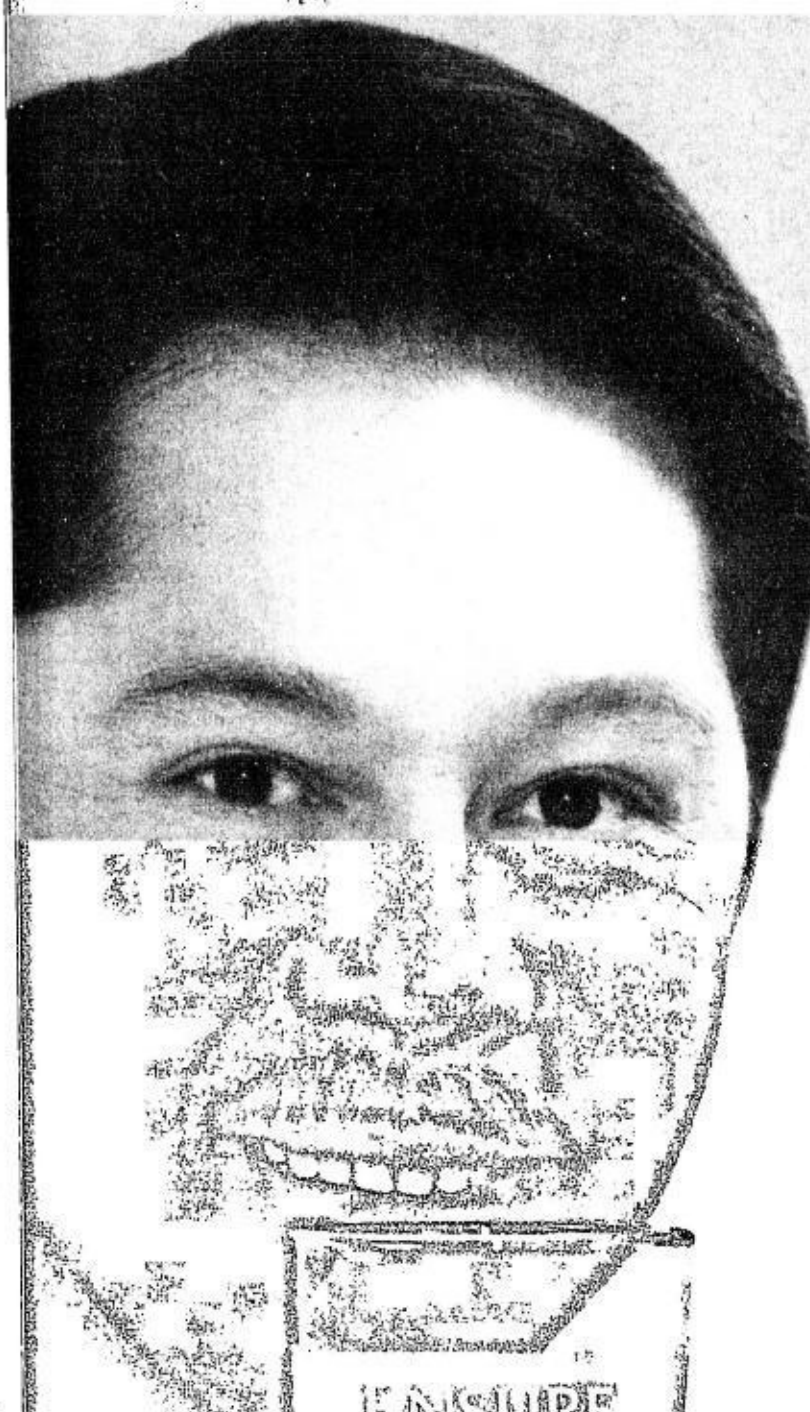
He said his priority was to work for the reclassification of Liloan to a city. He also plans to come up with a scholarship program for the poor but deserving students of the town.



THERE'S NO FORGETTING. Relatives and friends of "desaparecidos" (the disappeared) marched yesterday morning from Philcoa to the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City in support of the family of the recently abducted Jonas Burgos and other human rights victims. Burgos, the son of the late martial law press freedom fighter Joe Burgos, was seized on April 28 by unidentified men in Quezon City.

JOAN BONDOC

To keep my heart healthy and protected, I drink ENSURE everyday!



"Keeping my heart healthy is a top priority, especially now that I'm getting a little older."

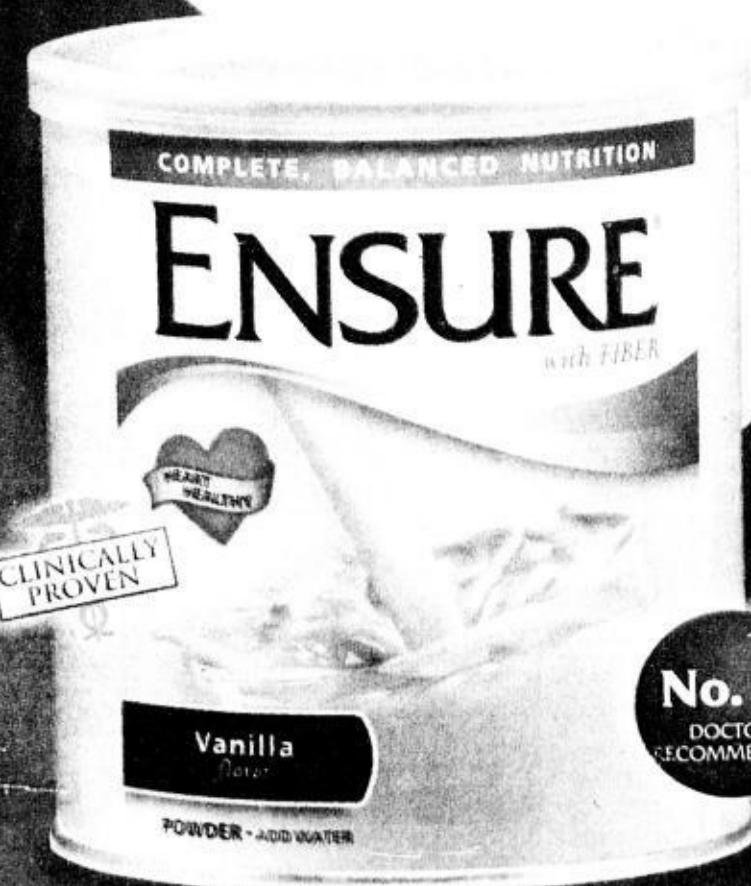
That's why I exercise, eat right, and drink doctor-recommended ENSURE everyday. It has a unique Heart Defense System to help prevent cholesterol build-up and control blood pressure. It's also rich in fiber and antioxidants to help keep my heart protected.



ENSURE meets the standards of the American Heart Association and the National Cholesterol Education Program.*

You, too, can have a healthy heart with ENSURE, the number one doctor-recommended adult nutritional drink for men and women worldwide!

Christopher de Leon
Multi-awarded Actor,
Devoted Family Man



ENSURE your heart. ENSURE your life.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ENSURE, GET IN TOUCH WITH US:

ABBOTT HOTLINE Call: 689-0444 • Fax: 637-8252 • Email: hca.ph@abbott.com • Text: Type ABBOTT <space> your message Send to 2327 (Globe) or 0917-9902327 (non-Globe) • Toll free Line: 1-800-108-433-HCS (Available Mondays to Fridays, 8 am to 5 pm)

* On the level of dietary cholesterol and sodium, and the absence of trans fats

www.abbott.com.ph

70

Abbott
A Promise for Life

Magsaysay essay tilt seeks entries

ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to join the 5th Ramon Magsaysay Student Essay Competition (RMSEC) as part of the birth centennial celebration of the late Philippine president.

All entries must be original, written in English and 2-4 pages or 500-1,000 words long. Deadline for submission is Aug. 10.

All participants are required to register online via www.rmaf.org.ph. Their principals or registrars must endorse their participation online. The essays may be e-mailed to rsmsec5phil@gmail.com.

In keeping with the competition theme, "The Magsaysay Awardee Who Inspires Me Most: The Magsaysay Greatness of Spirit Lives," entrants are enjoined to read up on the lives, work, dreams and accomplishments of Asia's modern-day heroes — the recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award.

President Ramon Magsaysay was born on Aug. 31, 1907. He died in a plane crash on March 17, 1957, just months before the end of his first term. His concern for his people and his exemplary leadership inspired the creation of Asia's premiere prize, the Ramon Magsaysay Award.

The students may surf the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation website — www.rmaf.org.ph — or visit its Asian Library. The Book of Records, a continuing compilation of the biographies of the awardees from 1958 — when the first awards were first given out — to its 14th volume today, are also available in selected libraries.

Two other books, "Great Men and Women of Asia" Volumes 1 to 5 and "Young Pens For Young Minds," are also available at bookstores.

For competition mechanics, other information and technical assistance, contestants may contact the RMAF at tel. 521-3166 to 81 or call toll free 1-800-1-888-2390.

Entries will be classified into regional clusters: the National Capital Region, Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao. From each cluster, one high school and one collegiate finalist will be selected. The two national winners (high school and collegiate) will be selected from the eight regional finalists.

LET THE HIGH PERFORMANCE VISA EXPERT HANDLE YOUR CASE
ATTN. ALL PROFESSIONALS (SKILLED/TECH/MEDICAL) "Specializing in the H-1B visa"

GREEN CARDS VISAS Immediate relative of US citizens "Family petitions"
Employment-based Green Cards "Labor Certification" "Greencards for Nurses & special statuses" "Investors Visa" "Multinational Executive Visa."
TEMPORARY RESIDENCE VISAS: Tourist (B1/B2) "Crew members (D)" "Treaty trader / Investors (E1-E2) Working Visas (H-1B / H2 / H2A / H2B) "Trainees (H-3)" "Journalists (J)" "Student Visas (F-1, M-1)" "Exchange Visitors (J-1)" "Flance (E) Visas (K)" "Spouse Visa (K)" "Intraco. Transferee Visas (L-1)" "Parents of Unmarried Minors who are Special Immigrants (N-1 / N-2)" "Extraordinary Ability Visas (O)" "Athletes & performing artists Visas (P)" "Cultural Exchange Workers (Q)" "Religious Worker Visas (R)" "Spouse / Children of Permanent Residents."
OTHERS SERVICES: Business Extension Visas "Adjustment / Change of Status" "Deportation Cases" "Review / Appeal of Denied Cases" "Returning Residents Permits" "Defense Against Fraud Charges" "Legalizing INTs" "Pending / Complicated Cases" "Visa Job Search Opportunities for Professionals."

LIVE IN On MAY 26, 2007 @ 3PM (Saturday) @ MAKTI SPORTS CLUB @ Loviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City
Seminar Fee: Pre-paid Php 1,250 / Walk-in Php 1,500 - save 10% if you bring 4 Visa 21 Fee: Comprehensive Fee \$350 Fee

FOR MORE DETAILS CALL US SECRETARIAT
891-5686 to 891-5920 / 891-5924

After holding steady, fuel, LPG prices rise

By Abigail L. Ho

AFTER A ONE-MONTH LULL, OIL FIRMS raised the pump prices of gasoline by P1 a liter, diesel and kerosene by 50 centavos a liter, and cooking gas by 56 centavos a kilogram over the weekend.

First to increase prices yesterday was Philipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. at 12:01 a.m., followed by Petron Corp. and Chevron Philippines Inc. at 6 a.m.

Total (Philippines) Corp. and Eastern Petroleum Corp. raised their prices by the same levels at 12:01 a.m. today.

Data from the Department of Energy showed that the regional benchmark Dubai crude hit an average of \$63.71 a

barrel in the first 17 days of May, inching closer to the April average of \$63.97 a barrel.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products jumped to an average of \$88.16 a barrel as of May 17 from only \$83.64 a barrel last month.

\$82.11 to \$82.84

MOPS-based diesel rose to \$82.84 a barrel in the May 1-17 period from the April average of \$82.11 a barrel.

This weekend's fuel price hike was the sixth for gasoline for a total of P3.50 a liter, and the fifth for both diesel and kerosene for a total of

P2.50 a liter.

Since the start of the year, pump prices of gasoline, diesel and kerosene have also been reduced by a total of P1.80 a liter.

Four times

LPG prices have so far gone up twice this year for a total of P1.68 a kilo, but have also gone down four times for a total of P2.24 a kilo.

The latest price increase brings premium unleaded gasoline prices to between P37.23 and P40.20 a liter, diesel prices to between P31.87 and P35.15 a liter, kerosene prices to P35.65 and P39.70 a liter, and LPG prices to between P461.96 and P531.16 per 11-kg cylinder.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA UNIVERSITY

WE CAN THINK OF

4,191

WAYS TO SAY WE'RE
THE LEADING NURSING SCHOOL.

At the current count of 4,191, Our Lady of Fatima University has the highest number of nursing graduates who have passed the board since 2004. Proof of our commitment to give you the best possible education and training in the nursing field. No wonder we're the leading nursing school in the country.

* Now Offering Practical Nursing (2 yrs.)

- Integrated CCFNS, NCLEX and TOEFL review
- Cutting-edge facilities featuring a Virtual Laboratory with computer-driven teaching mannequins
- Computerized instruction featuring eNABLE learning modules
- Accredited LEVEL II, PACUCOA
- Established in 1973 and is one of the leading and most progressive Nursing institutions in the country
- Exemplary performance in Nursing Licensure Examinations
- Comprehensive Clinical Program through its 100 affiliated centers/community centers
- Access to Quality Education also open for transferees and other BS graduates
- Affordable Tuition Fee (P1,500 initial payment to enroll)
- Earn 4 diplomas in 4 years: BS Nursing, Caregiver, Practical Nursing + Nursing Assistant
- Scholarships: FREE tuition and miscellaneous fees/monthly allowance

NURSING TOP NOTCHERS DECEMBER 2006

2nd Place Dervid S. Jungco	6th Place Claudette L. De Castro	9th Place Diana E. Mahinay	10th Place Ma. Sophia Francesca D. Cruz
3rd Place Ma. Sophia Francesca D. Cruz	7th Place John Mark V. Gonzales	10th Place Madilyn L. Villanueva	

Another Filipino summits Everest

By Fe Zamora

THE DAY AFTER THREE FILIPINO WOMEN reached the peak of Mt. Everest, fellow mountaineer Regidor "Reggie" Pablo also reached the summit. His feat was described by his wife Melissa as a "quiet, no-hype" climb of the world's highest mountain.

Pablo's feat was posted on websites Everestnews.com and Astrek.com, the official website of the Asian Trekking International Expedition which organized Pablo's ascent along with that of 11 other climbers from the United States, Great Britain, Belgium, Denmark, Japan and Czechoslovakia. Pablo, who was accompanied by Sherpa Ang Temba, was the lone Filipino in the expedition.

"Reggie is another proud Filipino on top of Mt. Everest. I hope he gets fair credit and recognition for reaching the summit," Melissa said in a phone interview.

On Wednesday, three Filipino women mountaineers, Noelle Wenceslao, Carina Dayondon and Janet Belarmino, reached the "top of the world" by climbing up the North Side from Tibet and going down the South Side into Nepal, the first women ever to complete a traverse climb of Everest.

Pablo, an employee of Globe Telecoms, climbed Mt. Everest from the North Side and descended the same way, according to his wife. "He did not traverse," Melissa said.

The 36-year-old Pablo reached the summit on May 17, exactly one year after Heracleo "Leo" Oracion became the first Filipino to reach the peak, described as the "Holy Grail of mountain climbers."

Melissa said her husband was supposed to climb with a Filipino team.

"But they were not able to make it," she said, adding that Pablo's trek to the summit was in fulfillment of a contract with his employer, Globe Telecoms.

The websites Astrek.com and Everestnews.com identified other members of the expedition as Marjolein De Bruycker (Belgium), Brian Wilfred Oestrike (US), Justin Joel Hewitt (US), Shane David Edmonds (US), Fred-



PABLO

erick Levi Borst (US), Kazufumi Watandbe (Japan), Yasuhiko Mochizuki (Japan), Michael Niemeier (Denmark), Libor Kozak (Czechoslovakia), Paulo R. P. Coelho (Brazil) and Helena G. P. Pinto Coelho (Brazil).

Last year, Pablo was among the leaders of the First Philippine Mt. Everest Expedition (FPMEE) that launched the ambitious climb to plant the Philippine flag on the world's highest peak.

On May 17, 2006, Leo Oracion reached the peak of Everest and became the first Filipino to set foot on it. Erwin "Pastor" Emata would follow on May 18, and Romeo Garduce made it an hour later.

But the FPMEE split into factions over disagreements on management style and financial problems, with some climbers, like Wenceslao, Belarmino and Dayondon, siding with expedition leader Art Valdez, and another group, among them Pablo, siding with Butch Sebastian, who was Valdez's co-expedition leader.

The FPMEE had initially planned a "unity climb" which would see the women climbers scaling the North and South Sides simultaneously and reuniting at the peak. But the group split even before the "unity climb" could be finalized early this year.

Agriculture grew by 3.55% in Q1

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE COUNTRY'S AGRICULTURE SECTOR grew by 3.55 percent in the first quarter of the year, boosted by higher fish and crop production, according to Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap.

In a report to President Macapagal-Arroyo, Yap said the gross value of agricultural output amounted to P243.2 billion at current prices.

"Compared to the previous year, the sector posted a 4.78-percent increase in gross receipts this year," Yap said.

The biggest performer in the agriculture sector was fisheries, Yap said.

He said the fishery subsector, which accounted for 23 percent of total agricultural output, posted an 8.2-percent increase in output compared to the first quarter of 2006.

Gross value of fisheries output amounted to P43.7 billion at current prices or 10.34 percent more than last year, Yap said.

Commercial fisheries recorded a turnaround while municipal fisheries sustained the uptrend in production, he said.

But he said that growth in aquaculture production was not as robust as in the previous year.

The crops subsector, which accounted for 48.84 percent of the total agricultural output, grew by 2.01 percent.

Yap said corn production registered a 11.43 percent increase in output this year while palay production rose by more than one percent. Banana, pineapple, mango and tobacco were also major gainers.

The gross revenues from crop production reached P130.0 billion at current prices, or 2.22 percent more than last year, Yap said.

The livestock subsector grew by the same level of 2 percent as that of last year, Yap said. After last year's slump, an upward trend was noted in the production of hog, goat and dairy during the first three months this year.

The poultry subsector, which contributed about 15 percent to total agricultural production, generated P39.3 billion worth of output at current prices in the first quarter or an increase of 2.30 percent.

ARELLANO UNIVERSITY
www.arellano.edu.ph auweb@arellano.edu.ph

ARELLANO UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

ARELLANO UNIVERSITY Main Campus 2600 Legarda St., Sampaloc, Manila Trunkline: 734-7371 to 79 loc. 227 Telefax: 734-2446	ARELLANO UNIVERSITY in Malabon Elisa Esguerra Campus Gov. Pascual St., Malabon City Tel. No. 281-3268	ARELLANO UNIVERSITY in Pasay Jose Abad Santos Campus 3058 Taft Ave., Pasay City Tel. No. 512-2444 telefax: 634-7487	ARELLANO UNIVERSITY in Pasig Andres Bonifacio Campus Pag-asa St., Caniogan, Pasig City Tel. No. 641-2480
---	---	---	--

ARELLANO HIGH SCHOOLS

JUAN SUMULONG HIGH SCHOOL 2600 Legarda St., Sampaloc, Manila Tel. No. 734-7371 loc. 216 & 320	ANDRES BONIFACIO HIGH SCHOOL Pag-asa St., Caniogan, Pasig City Tel. No. 640-7717	JOSE RIZAL HIGH SCHOOL Gov. Pascual St., Malabon City Tel. No. 281-3268	APOLINARIO MABINI HIGH SCHOOL Taft Ave. cor. Menlo St., Pasay City Tel. No. 524-2850
--	---	--	---

ARELLANO GRADE SCHOOLS

ARELLANO GRADE SCHOOL in LEGARDA 2600 Legarda St., Sampaloc, Manila Tel. No. 734-7371 loc. 223	ARELLANO GRADE SCHOOL in MALABON Elisa Esguerra Campus Gov. Pascual St., Malabon City Tel. No. 281-3268	ARELLANO GRADE SCHOOL in PASAY Apolinario Mabini Campus Taft Avenue cor. Menlo St., Pasay City Tel. No. 524-2860	ARELLANO GRADE SCHOOL in PASIG Andres Bonifacio Campus Pag-asa St., Caniogan, Pasig City Tel. No. 641-4203
---	---	--	--

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FRESHMEN
- Form 138
- Certificate of Good Moral Character

CROSS-ENROLEES
- Permit to Cross Enroll

TRANSFEREES
- Honorable Dismissal
- Copy of Grades
- Certificate of Good Moral Character

ENROLLMENT FOR S.Y. 2007-2008 IS NOW GOING ON * NO TUITION FEE INCREASE

THE DAILY
GOSPEL

Sunday, May 20, 2007
Ascension Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was taken up.

In the first part of my work, Theophilus, I wrote of all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he ascended to heaven.

But first he had instructed through the Holy Spirit the apostles he had chosen. After his passion, he presented himself to them, giving many signs that he was alive; over a period of 40 days he appeared to them and taught them concerning the kingdom of God. Once when he had been eating with them, he told them, "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the fulfillment of the Father's promise about which I have spoken to you: John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit within a few days."

When they had come together, they asked him, "Is it now that you will restore the Kingdom of Israel?" And he answered, "It is not for you to know the time and the steps that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the earth."

After Jesus said this, he was taken up before their eyes and a cloud hid him from their sight. While they were still looking up to heaven where he went, suddenly, two men dressed in white stood beside them and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking up at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven, will return in the same way as you have seen him go there."

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Christ has entered into heaven.

May the God of Christ Jesus our Lord, the Father of Glory, reveal himself to you and give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that you may know him.

May he enlighten your inner vision, that you may appreciate the things we hope for, since we were called by God.

May you know how great is the inheritance, the glory, God sets apart for his saints; may you understand with what extraordinary power he acts in favor of us who believe.

He revealed his almighty power in Christ when he raised him from the dead and had him sit at his right hand in heaven, far above all rule, power, authority, dominion, or any other supernatural force that could be named, not only in this world but in the world to come as well.

Thus has God put all things under the feet of Christ and set him above all things, as head of the Church which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

He was taken up to heaven.

Jesus said to the eleven, "You see what was written: the Messiah had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead. Then repentance and forgiveness in his name would be proclaimed to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Now you shall be witnesses to this. And this is why I will send you what my Father promised. So remain in the city until you are invested with power from above."

Jesus led them almost as far as Bethany; then he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And as he blessed them, he withdrew (and was taken to heaven. They worshiped him). They returned to Jerusalem full of joy and were continually in the Temple praising God.

Commentary

The Church needs to hear often that we are to lay no burden on believers beyond what is strictly necessary and that the Holy Spirit decides what is needed—based on the words of Jesus. Those who cause dissension by demanding their own agenda must be pointed out as those who cause disturbance, and those who preach the gospel must be acknowledged as those belonging to and are under the power of the Lord and the Spirit. Again, when we get bogged down in details and laws/customs/traditions we tend to forget the vision of what we have been given to share and to live—that there is no temple in the city. The Lord, God, the Almighty is its temple and he and the Lamb are its light and life.

Our God is the Trinity and if we are true to the Word of Jesus then God the Father comes and dwells within us. And if we take this Word to heart, the Spirit, the Paraclete will be sent to us in the name of Jesus to instruct us, remind us, and teach us—but most especially to bring us the peace of Christ that is Jesus' gift to us. This peace is given so that we may not be distressed or fearful, or racked with dissenters, but that we live as one in God, the Trinity.

Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP P.O. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: cci@claret.org; Websites: <http://www.bible.claret.org> (Claretian Publications) & <http://www.claretphilippines.org> (Claretian Missionaries in the Philippines)

Now, ABE HRM, TOURISM and BUSINESS students can go to Singapore for OJT. (where they learn and earn)



Get a 6-month, on-the-job training in Singapore at ABE.
May monthly allowance ka pa!

COURSE OFFERINGS

Degree Programs

- BS Hotel and Restaurant Management
- BS Tourism
- BS Business Administration
- BS Accountancy
- BS Information Management
- BS Information Technology
- BS Computer Science

Diploma Programs (TESDA Programs)

- Ladderized to Degree Programs
- Diploma in Financial Accounting
- Diploma in Business Economics
- Diploma in Business Management
- Diploma in Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Diploma in Tourism

ABE also offers new short courses:

- English Proficiency Program
- Medical Transcription
- Practical Nursing
- Caregiving
- Healthcare Services NC II
- Bartending NC II
- Travel Services NC II
- Tour Guiding NC II
- Front Office Services NC II
- Housekeeping NC II
- Food and Beverage Services NC II

Soon to offer:

- Culinary Arts
- Master in Hotel and Restaurant Management



THE PIONEER IN
e-BUSINESS.

www.abecollege.com

Local and International Affiliates

Microsoft Great Plains Business Solutions Yopstar Microsoft intralearn TESDA

ENROLL NOW!

Want to know more?

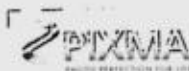
Call 373-3901

10% OFF
on ALL fees
for new students.

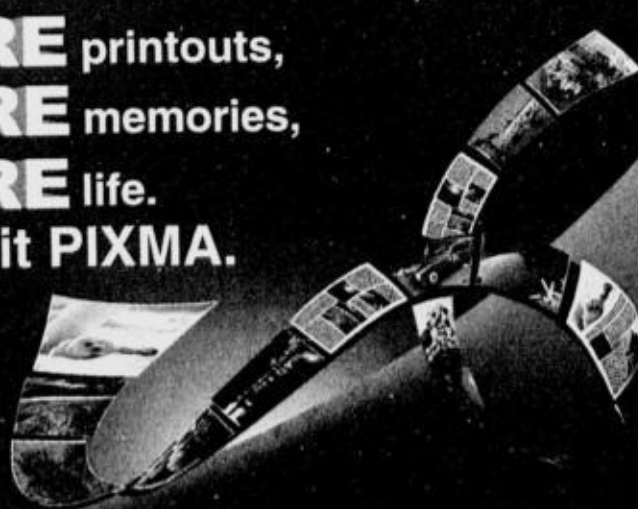
NCR - MAIN CAMPUS MANILA 2578 Legarda Avenue, Sampaloc, Manila 7362893, 7362894, 7359815 • CALOOCAN The Big Orange Bldg., 328 EDSA, Grace Park, Caloocan City 3636065, 3671431, 3673307 TAFT West East Center, 1336 Taft Avenue cor. Padre Faura Street, Ermita, Manila 4000208 4000209 4000211 • CAINTA Mercedes Bldg., Ortigas Avenue Extension, Junction, Cainta, Rizal 2400464, 6563379, 6561379, 6569193 • LAS PIÑAS RCS Bldg., Alibang Zapote Road, Pamplona Tres, Las Pinas City 8720220, 8720183, 8726162 • CUBAO Remson Bldg., Aurora Blvd., Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City 9128366, 9129578, 9129577 • CABANATUAN RG Gatan Bldg., 578 Burgos Avenue, Cabanatuan City (044) 4641305, (044) 4641306, (044) 6001170 • MALOLOS 3/F E&R Bldg., McArthur Highway cor. Mabini St., Malolos, Bulacan (044) 6623099, (044) 6621018, (044) 6625100 • URDANETA Zion 2000, E.A. Cabrera Bldg., McArthur Highway, San Vicente, Urdaneta City (075) 5688130, (075) 6242028 • BACOLOD Marian Bldg., Luzuriaga Street, Bacolod City (034) 4322483, (034) 4322484, (034) 4322485 • ILOILO TKT Bldg., Mabini Street, Sampaguita, Iloilo City (033) 3362513, (033) 3362515, (033) 3362484 • TACLOBAN 111 P. Gomez cor. Del Pilar St., Tacloban City (053) 3253333 / 3253168

A member of the AMA Education System

Asia's Pioneer and Largest Network of Universities and Colleges. Over 200 campuses worldwide.
PHILIPPINES • U.S.A. • HONG KONG • KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN • DUBAI • JEDDAH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA • XIAMEN, CHINA



MORE printouts,
MORE memories,
MORE life.
Make it PIXMA.



IP1300

11/11 ppm (mono/color)
True A4 Borderless Printing
High Yield CL-41 colored Ink
(optional PG-40 black ink)
As low as Php 2.00 cost per page
Php 1,895

The sky's the limit when printing with Canon PIXMA printers. Unlike other printers, PIXMA contains bigger cartridges that use smaller ink droplets. You get excellent printouts at a lower cost, bringing you more savings. What better time to print more?

IP1700

22/17 ppm (mono/color)
True A4 Borderless Printing
Bundled with PG-40 and CL-41 ink
As low as Php 2.00 cost per page
Php 2,495

PRINT MORE, WIN MORE
PRINT YOUR WAY TO VIBRANT PHUKET

GET A FREE BUDDY SIZE SUPREME PAN PIZZA FROM PIZZA HUT INSTANTLY PLUS A CHANCE TO WIN A TRIP FOR TWO TO PHUKET, THAILAND WHEN YOU BUY CANON PIXMA PRINTERS OR GENUINE INKS AND PAPERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TEXT CANON TO 2966.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1286, Series of 2007.

Insist on an original warranty issued by Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc.

Available at all leading IT stores. Call 02-884-9000 for the dealer nearest you.

Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc. 2F Marvin Plaza Building, 2153 Don Chino Roces Ave. Makati City, Philippines Tel. 884 9000 • Fax 810 9797 • Email: info@canon.com.ph • www.canon.com.ph



Canon
Enlightening Your World

'No jueteng, quarry scam,' says Fr. Panlilio

From page A1

said to have lost at least P500 million, will be stopped through a new tax collection system, he said.

In this, Panlilio expects big help from reelected Vice Gov. Joseller Guiao, who had exposed and tried to stop the supposed irregularities.

"All income from quarry taxes should go into the treasury to fund health and education programs," Panlilio said.

The campaign to end illegal gambling, specifically "jueteng," in Pampanga will start with an information drive to wean bettors away from it, he said.

"Jueteng is evil," he declared. "It damages the lives of the people, the very fabric of our morality, the spirit of our province. We want to convince them to stop trying their luck on jueteng and instead rely on their enterprising spirit to earn money."

Panlilio said he expected threats to come his way with this endeavor, but added that he was

ready to take risks even if it would "cost me my life."

"I want to make a difference. We want our crusade for good governance to really make a difference," he told the INQUIRER yesterday in a "safe house" lent by one of his supporters.

Drawing from the lessons of his 26 years in social action and parish work, Panlilio said the best way to attain his goal was to "put and keep the interests of the Kapampangan, especially the poor, in all programs and services of the provincial government."

"You won't go wrong if you put people's interests in your heart and mind and ahead of your personal concerns," said the Catholic priest.

Liberation

According to Panlilio, poverty reduction measures should be No. 1 in a social justice agenda because "liberation from poverty brings back dignity to the person and enables him/her to be a good person to his/her family, commu-

nity and society."

How to implement this will be outlined by leaders of various sectors in a planning conference he intends to call as soon as he assumes office on June 30.

Specifically, Panlilio believes that farmers and workers need most of the assistance. Traders and investors, on the other hand, should not be made to endure red tape or be squeezed of grease money when they do business with the government.

On the whole, his program of governance will practice leadership with a conscience, ensure the people's empowerment and participation, and try to achieve sustainable and integrated development.

"I will listen and consult and be decisive in making decisions. I will be transparent and open to scrutiny. Certainly, I will lead by example. I will continue to live the simple lifestyle that I practiced as a priest," he said.

To Panlilio, leadership with conscience means "leading a moral and spiritual crusade."

He said he would have none of petty and large-scale graft and corruption by increasing incentives for civil servants and ensuring transparency in the bidding process.

Equal opportunities

By people empowerment and participation, Panlilio means creating an administration that "works as a team."

The whole range of issues affecting the Kapampangan will be addressed through the greater participation of various sectors, he said, adding:

"We will also open equal opportunities for growth among the people, regardless of ethnicity, gender and religion."

To start this off, the provincial development council, which has not been convened, will be reactivated, with all of Pampanga's 21 mayors involved in planning and execution.

The crusade that propelled Panlilio to the governor's office will be transformed into a watchdog council.

"Vigilance should not die. The people should [continue their monitoring role]," he said.

His concept of sustainable and integrated development will take effect in "pro-people, pro-life and pro-ecology" policies.

Volunteerism

Panlilio said he would try to apply in his new job the same elements that made him and the crusade win.

The spirit of volunteerism in all walks of life, for instance, came alive because "it was explained to the people, many people understood it, accepted it, owned it, fought for it, spent for it, committed their life to it," he said.

"When you own something, you spread it. That's natural. It will be a betrayal of the crusade if I claim I single-handedly unleashed the power of volunteerism," he said.

As he did during the election campaign, Panlilio said his being a priest would help draw trust and unite people.

He said he would join the government with a deeper sense of spirituality, and this would be his shield against the temptations of power.

Full time service for 3 years

"My idea of God is a God who acts in a community. He can also act in a person, in community life, in community endeavors. Because of a greater cause, you're willing to transcend and overcome the differences. To me, that's a very concrete manifestation and indicator of God's presence—and that affects me in very,

very big way," he said.

And as in the past 45 days when he had to endure black propaganda, Panlilio said he would live by truth while governing: "I always believe in truth. Truth has its dynamism. Even if you cover the truth at this point, you cannot cover it for a long time. It will come out."

He said he would continue to receive guidance from Pampanga Archbishop Paciano Aniceto.

Panlilio said that like the way his volunteers did it, some tasks would be done creatively.

"For me, the greatest success of this affair was: The people were hopeless, then they found hope, and they got out of themselves to try to act from the power of that hope," he said.

What if he cannot deliver on his promises?

"What I promised was my whole self," said Panlilio. "I do not make films. I am not into jueteng. I don't have a business enterprise. I do not have a family to raise. I am relieved from my priestly duties. So I can do full-time service."

And three years are all he wants to devote to government so he can return to the priesthood, Panlilio said.

"Social transformation is largely the realm of the laity. We priests are not cut out for political life. I only agreed to run on the clamor of the laity when no one was ready to challenge the Lapid and the Pinedas. So I have to advocate within the structure of government," he said. *With reports from Nestor P. Burgos Jr., Inquirer Visayas; Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, Inquirer Northern Luzon; and Jerome Aning in Manila*

Seeing stars fall (and rise) in politics

From page A1

Philippine electoral politics was described as dominated by guns, goons and gold," observed Michael L. Tan, INQUIRER columnist and anthropologist.

"Then a fourth G [before Garcia] was added—glitter," he said, referring to "the entry of celebrities, including movie stars, basketball players and media personalities" in politics.

"The fourth G may be fading, and I'd like to think that it does mark a growing political maturity on the part of voters," Tan said.

Historian and INQUIRER columnist Ambeth Ocampo asserted: "Popularity is an advantage but it is not the main reason [to run in an] election."

Filmmaker and media critic Jose Javier Reyes concurred: "Perhaps this is an indication that voters have slowly matured. They are basing their choices on credibility, competence and integrity and not on sheer familiarity and popularity alone."

Ramon Casiple, director of the Institute of Political and Electoral Reform, told The Associated Press: Although fans have mobbed celebrity candidates on the campaign trail, "voters make a distinction between celebrities and leaders" on election day.

The latest news reports would affirm this. Celebrities—mostly movie and TV personalities with a sprinkling of athletes—performed poorly in the last elections, on the national, provincial and city levels.

Political maturity?

In the Senate race, award-winning actors Cesar Montano and Richard Gomez, TV host-comedian Tito Sotto and singer Victor Wood failed to penetrate the magic 12 in the quick counts and exit polls.

In contrast, movie actors Jinggoy Estrada, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., and Lito Lapid easily made it to the top 12 senatorial slots in the 2004 elections. The young Estrada ran as an oppositionist, while Revilla and Lapid ran as administration bets.

The dismal performance of celebrities in the ongoing canvass of votes for 12 senators shows that the Filipino electorate has moved "a small step" closer to political maturity, according to Fr. Romeo Intengan S.J. of the Ateneo de Manila University's Center for Strategic Studies.

"There's a forward movement," Intengan told the INQUIRER on Friday. "[The recent elections showed] that being a celebrity is no longer a decisive factor in winning an election. You also have to have a track record of performance and ideas for reform."

In the much-chronicled fight for the congressional seat in the first district of South Cotabato, boxing champ Manny Pacquiao was "knocked out" by incumbent Rep. Darlene Custodio, according to the tally of the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections.

Despite his hero persona, Pacquiao failed to project himself as a serious candidate with fresh ideas for governance, Intengan explained.

"Political maturity is a broad term. In the constitutional democracies in Europe, political parties are formed based on ideological dynamics. We still don't have that here in the Philippines," he said.

Disappointing

Jose Abueva, former University of the Philippines president and political science professor, said Filipinos have learned from their disappointing experience with actors in government, including deposed President Joseph Estrada and the father of the incumbent Revilla, Sen. Ramon Revilla.

"We've tried Joseph Estrada and he was a grave disappointment. He was so corrupt and the people were disillusioned," Abueva told the INQUIRER on Friday. "We in UP voted for him. He said he was for the masses and that he was for the poor. It turned out that he was only for himself."

He also said that "the old man" Revilla, as well as action star Lapid and local basketball legend Robert Jaworski disappointed the public with their respective stints in the Senate.

"They had nothing to contribute. They had no reform ideas," Abueva said.

Duds?

Celebrities continued to fare poorly in the provinces.

In Benguet, action star Roi Vinzon and stage actor Ramon "Chinggo" Alonso failed to figure in the top 12 slots for Baguio's city council.

In Nueva Ecija, sexy star Barbara Milano, who was the No. 1 councilor in her hometown of Talavera in 2004, lost in her reelection bid.

In Zamboanga del Norte, former matinee idol Mat Ranillo III lagged behind in the race for representative in the province's third district.

In Bulacan, former sexy actor Daniel Fernando trailed behind two other aspirants for the post of vice governor.

Drama actor Christopher de Leon was in third place in the race for Batangas vice governor.

However, comic Teri Onor, best known for his impersonation of De Leon's ex-wife Nora Aunor, was proclaimed vice mayor of Abucay, Bataan.

In Laguna, actor Dan Fernandez was leading the congressional race in the first district, but singer Marco Sison was losing in the vice gubernatorial race. Also in Laguna, Estrada's nephew, ER Ejercito, has been reelected mayor of Pagsanjan, but celebrities Angelica Jones and Leandro Baldemor failed to land a spot in the provincial board.

No hits
In Metro Manila, the election performance of celebrities is spotty at best, according to various reports.

In Makati, Lapid lost to incumbent Mayor Jejomar Binay.

In Caloocan, martial arts star Rey Malonzo similarly failed in his attempt to reclaim the mayoral seat.

Former teen star Nadia Montenegro just conceded to her opponents in the congressional race in Caloocan's first district.

In Parañaque, comedian and reelectionist Anjo Yllana lagged behind former councilor Gus Tambunting in the vice mayoral derby.

Celebrity councilors

In Manila, two actors-turned-councilors Robert Ortega and Cita Astals were losing to colleague Isko Moreno who was leading as vice mayor.

In Pasig, former basketball player Rosalio "Yoyong" Martinez made it as vice mayor, but another hardcourt star, Robert "Dodot" Jaworski Jr., lost in a very close mayoral race.

Some stars were winning in the council race in their respective cities: basketball player Jason Webb and singer Roselle Nava in Parañaque; singer Tosca Puno in Makati; actors Lou Veloso and Yul Servo in Manila; singer-actress Cristina Gonzales-Romualdez in Tacloban, among others.

Reyes offered an explanation for the good showing of celebrities on the council level: "This is because a councilor works directly with the people. This is the best way for any aspiring politician—celebrity or not—to work their way to the top of the heap. They shouldn't just be shoved into a managerial or legislative position that requires years of experience and a fine-tuned knowledge of the law."

Bistek and Vi

Experts cited the victory of two stars as particularly instructive.

Reelectionist Herbert "Bistek" Bautista topped the vice mayoral contest in Quezon City—his fourth time to occupy the same office. Three-term Lipa Mayor Vilma Santos won in her gubernatorial bid in Batangas.

Ocampo noted that Santos and Bautista "have served in local government for a long time, developed links with their community, and to their credit, neither have ever been linked to [political] scandal or corruption... They may be stars, but they were not pulled out of a hat recently."

Tan agreed: "The key here may be performance. Santos and Bautista are associated with performing local governments."

"True, they made their names in the entertainment field," Reyes added, "but when they pursued political careers, they focused and studied hard."

Crash course

Santos told the INQUIRER that she had finished a three-week "special crash course" at the National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines in Diliman, before taking office as Lipa mayor in 1998.

"I took up five modules. Among the topics tackled were the local government code, the powers of the mayor, economic development and local government finance, fiscal management and political empowerment and participation," she said.

Santos also refused to enter public service blindly. "In my classes, Lipa was used as a case study. I studied the city's Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA). I realized that the city should not

be dependent on the IRA from the national government. The solution is to make the collection of local income tax more efficient."

Santos acknowledged that her work in government was a "constant learning process."

"My years as mayor have prepared me for the job of governor because both posts are administrative in nature," she said.

According to Bautista, voters "look at a candidate's background and track record so enrolling in seminars and workshops or pursuing higher education can enhance a candidate's leadership skills and knowledge."

Bautista finished Philosophy and Letters at San Beda College and has master's degrees in Public Administration from UP Diliman and in National Security Administration from the National Defense College of the Philippines.

Defining excellence

Isko Moreno, who is poised to become the next vice mayor of Manila, said he had gone back to school to prove his detractors wrong. "My critics were saying that I was merely an actor. So I finished a management course at the International Academy of Management and Economics. I am now in my second year at the College of Law of Arellano University."

Historian Ocampo emphasized the importance of preparing for public service. "If stars really want to be in politics, they have to... build a solid reputation for the position they are eyeing long before the election. Transition from reel to real life can be challenging because it means preparing for the job."

Tan dissected the issue from his discipline's perspective: "Anthropologists are fascinated by language and a word I keep hearing is *galing* (excellence). We want people who are *magaling* (excellent) in office. For some time, I thought Filipinos believed that a celebrity who was *magaling* in his/her field would be naturally *magaling* in politics. Now, I think the trend is to be more critical. Several people told me: 'Magaling na boksingero si Manny Pacquiao, pero hanggang sa boksing lang siya (Manny Pacquiao is a good boxer, but he's only good in boxing).'"

Voters not stupid

Filmmaker Reyes observed that the "positioning and platforms of star-politicians... proved too weak and unconvincing. Voters may be tacit, but they are not stupid. They know how to separate the sincere from the manipulative and ambitious."

With reports from Inquirer Research; Vincent Cabreja, Inquirer Northern Luzon; Anselmo Roque, Greg Refraccion and Carmela Reyes, Inquirer Central Luzon; Romulo O. Ponte and Marlon Luistro, Inquirer Southern Luzon; Joey A. Gabieta, Inquirer Visayas; Bert Laput, Inquirer Mindanao; Margaux C. Ortiz, DJ Yap, Nancy Carvajal, Julie Aurelio, Paolo Luis Montecillo, Camille Fallorina, Allison W. Lopez, Delfin Fabrigas Jr., Gervic Estella and Jen Pelino of Inquirer Metro staff and volunteers

Children ...

From page A1

"I don't think she will be bringing home any more presents for me," said GB.

Severely burned

Because of the severity of Banaag's burns, the casket was sealed and covered with a white cloth.

GB said he last saw his mother when she came home at around 5 p.m. last Monday, just a few minutes before the canvassing started at precinct 76-A at the Pinagbayan Elementary School, which is about 4 km away from their house.

This time Nellie brought *pasalubong* for both GB and his nephew, handing the former a pack of Nips chocolates.

Though the chocolates made him happy, GB said he felt nervous when his mother left again, to return to her election duties at the school.

"I even told her to come home early," he said.

GB's sister Bernadeth, 14, said her mother was a jolly person. "She'd often tease us and play with us. She was also very caring and thoughtful. She gave us what we needed," said a sobbing Bernadeth.

Aside from GB and Bernadeth, Nellie left three other children aged 16 to 22.

Edlyn Buenafe, Nellie's younger sister, said she and her siblings actually discouraged Nellie from participating in the elections, fearful that the intense rivalry between the mayoral candidates might imperil her safety.

"We told her several times not to report for duty. But she would just answer that it was her responsibility as a teacher to work in the elections," she said.

High school teacher

Nellie taught at the Pinagbayan National High School (PNHS), which is adjacent to the torched PES. She went to teach at the high school immediately after graduating from college. She was loyal and dedicated, turning down more lucrative offers to teach at other schools.

Nellie was the school's guidance counselor, while also handling Math and Science subjects for junior and senior high school students.

A co-teacher of Nellie's described her as a caring teacher to her students and a thoughtful friend to her co-workers.

"A good person like Mrs. Banaag doesn't deserve to die like this," the teacher said.

Buenafe said that all the family wanted was justice for their sister. "Why do they have to kill innocent people? My sister was innocent," she said.

Like the Banaags, the family of

Leticia Ramos, who left a husband and nine children, was inconsolable.

"I won't have anyone to sleep beside me anymore," said Lyka, 10, Ramos' youngest daughter, as she sat crying beside her casket.

"This is so painful for us," said Leah, Leticia's eldest daughter, who has her own suspicions about who were behind the torching of the school.

"Just because of their political ambitions, we lost our mother. We're really mad at whoever did this," she said.

Leticia's husband, Perpetuo, works as a seasonal construction worker, earning about P6,000 a month. Leticia was a stay-at-home mother, taking care of the couple's five children who are still of school age.

According to Perpetuo, his wife wanted to help augment the family income. He could not have known that it would end in tragedy.

As a poll watcher, Leticia was contracted for P1,000 to guard the canvassing of votes until the ballot boxes were delivered to the municipal hall.

"The P1,000 was a huge amount for us. You can buy a lot of things for the children with that amount," said Perpetuo.

He said he searched for his wife in the burned-out school when she failed to return home. He even hoped that she would end up among the injured.

He was able to identify Leticia by her dentures.

"What happened to my wife is so tragic. She suffered so much," he said.

Financial aid

Perpetuo said he was seeking financial assistance from the government for his children's education.

"I just leave their fate to the Lord. I know God will give us justice," he said of the perpetrators of the crime.

Two officers of the Philippine National Police regional special operations group in Batangas—who were identified by eyewitnesses as having fired guns and torched the precincts—have been detained and are to be charged tomorrow.

PNP Director General Oscar Calderon said the two officers, who are identified with the camp of Taysan Mayor Hernando Villena, may have staged the attack so election officials would declare a failure of elections in the areas where Villena was losing.

Another three regional police officials in Batangas were relieved of their posts for administrative lapses that allowed the tragedy to happen.

Nellie and Leticia were laid to rest at the Pinagbayan Public Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Friday.

Jimenez ordered to produce wife

By Julie M. Aurelio
and Kristine L. Alave

A LAS PIÑAS CITY TRIAL COURT has ordered former Rep. Mark Jimenez and the owners of a drug rehabilitation facility to produce his estranged wife, Carol Castañeda, at a hearing tomorrow, five days after unidentified men abducted her from a Makati condominium and forced her into a waiting vehicle.

The family of Carol had filed a petition for habeas corpus before the Las Piñas City Regional Trial Court on Thursday, but police failed to serve the writ on the owners of the Silvercrest rehabilitation facility, where it is believed Carol was brought that afternoon.

Jimenez had admitted in televised interviews that he had his wife committed to a rehabilitation facility, claiming that she was a drug addict and was being used by his enemies to destroy him.

One of the reported owners of the facility is Diane Crespo, a niece of Jimenez.

Carol's sister, Rose Flaminiano, however, denied that her sister was a drug addict and expressed the fear that Jimenez had drugged or harmed her.

Carol had earlier filed a domestic violence case against Jimenez, her spouse of 30 years, and secured an order from a Taguig court directing Jimenez to keep his distance from her.

Since her abduction, Flaminiano said they had had no news of Carol's condition.

Despite the flurry of legal complaints filed in Taguig, Makati and Las Piñas last week, the family of Carol failed to get the police

to search the rehabilitation facility and rescue Carol.

Judge Elizabeth Yu-Guray of the Las Piñas trial court had ordered Jimenez to present Castañeda as early as Thursday afternoon.

Deputy Sheriff Fernando Martinez, along with three policemen from the Las Piñas police went to serve the writ on Silvercrest Friday morning but no one was there to receive it, said PO3 Joel Cambi, one of the escorting officers.

"Apparently may advice sa kanila na hindi sila authorized tumanggap (they were not authorized to receive it)," Cambi said. He added they were also unable to confirm if Castañeda was inside the facility.

In a phone interview, Flaminiano told the INQUIRER the family was afraid Carol may have been transferred to another location.

Silvercrest has been empty since Wednesday as patients and officials were reportedly on vacation in Batangas province.

The Makati City police had also been called to rescue Carol but Supt. Gilbert Cruz said they stopped their operation on Wednesday after they were told that Jimenez had filed a petition before the Makati City Regional Trial Court urging confinement for Carol.

The police said they could not just barge into the facility without a court order allowing them to break down Silvercrest's locked gates.

Flaminiano and another sister, Manuelita Limlingan, witnessed the kidnapping of Castañeda by eight men in Makati City on Wednesday, a few hours before she was to appear at a hearing on the domestic abuse case. *With Patricia Jule Haban*

Armed men rob QC resto patrons

THREE ARMED MEN ROBBED the customers of a Quezon City restaurant at noon yesterday of cash and valuables, taking only a few minutes to pull off the heist.

PO2 Rex Salvador said the men arrived at the In and Out Restaurant at No. 123 Kalayaan Ave., Barangay Central, on a motorcycle and forced around 10 customers to hand over their cell phones and wallets.

"The suspects had other companions [outside] in two Honda cars—one black and the other silver," Salvador said.

Police took the victims' statements as part of the investigation.

In an interview earlier, Supt. Asper

Cabula, chief of the QC Police Department Public Information Office, said robbery gangs had been preying on restaurant patrons since late last year.

"But restaurant robberies have been occurring a lot more lately," he said.

Cabula said the gangs, usually operating in groups of six, used two to three motorcycles.

The robbers, armed with .45-cal. pistols and .38-cal. revolvers, would come in after the lunch hour rush, between 2 and 3 p.m., when the establishments are not packed, he said.

"The heist is usually over in a few minutes," the police officer said.

Margaux C. Ortiz

GO AHEAD... SWEAT. It's healthy.



Refreshing Replacement

Japan's Favorite Health Drink

When you sweat, your body loses important electrolyte nutrients. Rehydrate with Pocari Sweat, a refreshing health drink that restores the right amount of electrolyte nutrients that your body needs. So it's all right to sweat. You have nothing to lose.



Another quality product of

Otsuka (Philippines) Pharmaceutical, Inc.
people creating new products for better health worldwide

www.pocarisweat.com.ph
For inquiries, email us at info@pocarisweat.com.ph

Lincoln Gerard



GENUINE
GERMAN
HERMLE
CLOCK
MECHANISM
WITH CHIMES

FULL 24-HOUR
DAY & NIGHT
MOVING DIAL
AND ROMAN
NUMERALS

CALIBRATED
GERMAN
HERMLE BRASS
WEIGHTS AND
PENDULUM

ELEGANT
WOOD DETAIL
HAND CARVED
BY MASTER
ARTISANS

PRODUCED
FROM ROTARY
CUT AFRICAN
SAPLE
VENEERS AND
DARK RED
MAHOGANY
SOLIDS

BLACK
SPEAKER
CLOTH FOR
VIVID SOUND
QUALITY

FINISHED IN A
TRUE 23-STEP
FRENCH
POLISH
MADE BY
HAND

THE ONLY
CLOCK MADE
TODAY WITH A
100-YEAR
GUARANTEE

PROBABLY THE FINEST HAND-MADE
GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK IN THE WORLD TODAY.
RETAIL US\$ 9,750.00

NOW ON SALE AT ONLY US\$ 3,986.00

LIMITED STOCKS AVAILABLE, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE
Griffith-Sulase Luxury Group

Tel. 809-7751 or 850-2670

DON'T BE FOOLED BY INTERIOR LOW COST IMITATIONS

Preservation, modernity come together in Manila

By Jerome Aning

THE ONGOING CONSULTATIONS between preservation architects of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the owners of the old Galaxy movie theater could spell the difference for the survival of one of the last of the downtown Manila buildings that marked the first use of modern architectural styles in the country.

The owners of the Galaxy, one of the few surviving buildings designed by National Artist Pablo

Antonio Sr., intend to construct a 22-story condominium on the site of the theater.

The NCCA is helping the developer, Zosima Inc., headed by administrator Primitivo Garcia III, to preserve the building's Art Moderne design, an architectural style that emerged in the 1930s and was reflected in the entertainment strip of Avenida Rizal (Rizal Avenue), the country's answer to Hollywood and Broadway.

On Thursday, the INQUIRER was invited to sit in on a meeting between

representatives of Zosima and Richard Tuason-Sanchez Bautista, resident architect at the NCCA's Monuments and Sites Office, where the developers presented their plans for the condominium building.

NCCA is anxious that the Galaxy theater, or at least its facade, is preserved.

Because the theater has remained in private hands—in this case, the Garcia family—it was never declared a historical landmark which would have required its preservation.

Fortunately, before granting a building permit to the developers, the city government required that Zosima consult with the NCCA on how Antonio's design could be preserved.

"Hopefully, this is the first building in the area that would be saved from destruction and conserved," said Bautista.

Remarkable repository

Galaxy sits on that portion of Avenida Rizal that is a "remarkable repository of architectural treasures," according to Bautista.

Clustered on the strip during Avenida Rizal's entertainment heyday in the 1950s and 1960s were cinemas, theaters, opera houses, music studios, movie production outfits and entertainment centers.

The owners of these establishments tried to outdo one another by hiring the country's best architects to design their buildings, which were constructed when Art Moderne and the earlier Art Deco architectural styles reigned.

Avenida's entertainment strip flourished up to the 1970s, when the country's central business district shifted to Makati and other suburbs. The construction of the Light Rail Transit system in the 1980s virtually put a stop to development in the area.

State of decay

Today, most of the buildings have been abandoned or are in a state of decay, their fate in the hands of new owners unconscious of their heritage value.

Last year, the Avenue Theater, designed by National Artist Juan Nakpil was torn down and converted to a parking lot, to the horrified reaction of cultural historians and conservationists.

Antonio designed Galaxy in the Art Moderne style which, according to the NCCA, is more streamlined than Art Deco and is dominated by slick lines that convey movement, agility and speed.

Curving forms

Art Moderne, or Streamline Moderne, was a late branch of the Art Deco style. Its architectural style emphasized curving forms, long horizontal lines and sometimes nautical elements, such as railings and porthole windows. Although somewhat different in their overall appearance, both styles share stripped-down forms and geometric-based ornament.

Galaxy also used to have an original DP70 wide-screen projector, built in Belgium in the 1950s, that was popular in international cinemas until the 1970s.

Apart from Galaxy, Antonio also designed a row of movie theaters in Manila like the Forum, Ideal, Life, Lyric and Scala. His other notable architectural works include the Far Eastern University's Administration and Science buildings, the Manila Polo Club, the Boulevard-Alhambra (later Bel-Air) apartments and the Ramon Rocas Publications Building (later the Guzman Institute of Electronics).

According to the NCCA, Antonio's basic design in the Galaxy and his other buildings was grounded on "simplicity, no clutter," with maximum use of natural light and cross-ventilation.

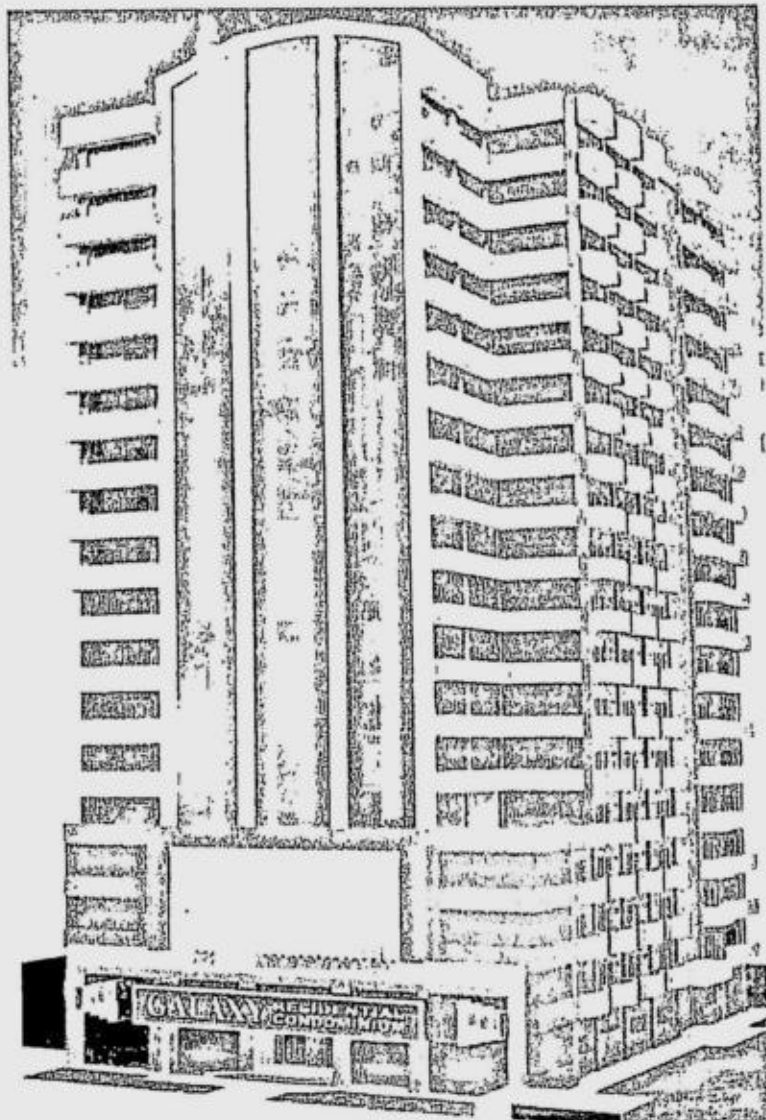
True architecture

It said that Antonio believed that buildings "should be planned with austerity in mind and its stability forever as the aim of true architecture, that buildings must be progressive, simple in design but dignified, true to a purpose without resorting to an applied set of aesthetics and should eternally recreate truth."

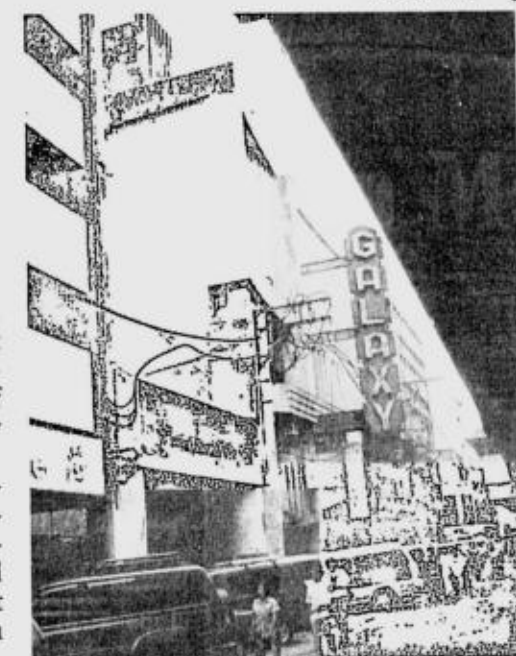
Based on Antonio's original design for the Galaxy theater, the future condominium will incorporate much of the facade of the old theater, including the prominent feature that architects call sun baffles.

Examining the ground floor detail and building perspective presented by Garcia, Bautista appeared satisfied.

"This is an example of how we can utilize the lot without removing the original design," said Bautista whose evaluation will be the basis of NCCA executive director Cecilia Guidote-Alvarez's approval.



THE STRIP The old Galaxy Theater (left) under the shadow of the Light Rail Transit is now decaying on Avenida Rizal, Manila's answer to Hollywood and Broadway in the 1950s and 1960s. Above is the architect's perspective of the 22-story condominium that will replace the Art Moderne theater.



varez's approval.

Alvarez's assent will be needed before City Hall grants a building permit.

Bautista urged the developers to consider including neon lights in the front signage so that passersby would be reminded of what the building once was.

The building's lobby will also preserve Antonio's geometric lay-

outs, such as the graceful winding staircases and arcade posts.

Bautista has suggested that the original ticket booth be preserved by converting it into a receptionist's station.

Bautista laments that most Filipinos do not recognize the heritage value of the buildings of the country's famous artists. This lack of appreciation contributes to the destruction of these buildings.

The Jai-Alai building, one of the finest examples of Streamline Moderne in all of Asia and which was designed by distinguished American architect Welton Beck, et, was demolished in 2000 on orders of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza to give way to a P200-million Hall of Justice.

"These buildings are examples of how we evolved as a people, they stand as representations of how we did things back then and how we do things now. If and only when the people realize this, they will take pride in these buildings and they will take care of them," he said.

Easy to use... easy on the pocket

HEAVY-DUTY emerald Power Sprayer

Just PLUG... and WASH!

Inclusive of Spray Gun

BEST FOR CARWASH

Also ideal for: Agricultural, Industrial & Household Uses

Available at all **ACE Hardware**

Exclusively Distributed by **SOLANDA ENTERPRISES, INC.**

Fly High With ABUNDANCE!

Want to work in the Airlines?
Train with us and see what WINGS is all about!



- ✓ The one and only TESDA-accredited/approved Flight Attendant Career Center.
- ✓ Cabin Crew Certificate

Want to become a CABIN CREW?

TRAIN PROFESSIONALLY AND EARN A CABIN CREW CERTIFICATE

Schedules of classes:
June 4, July 16, Aug. 27, Oct. 8, Nov. 19, 2007

Other Courses: Call for schedules

- Tourism Customized Seminars (by appointment)
- Medical Tourism Seminar (by appointment)
- English Pro (by appointment)
- Languages (by appointment)
- 3-day Image Enhancement Seminar
- Travel Agency Management Course
- Negotiation Seminar

WINGS
Institute of Global Careers Inc.
Training you for the near future

tel/fax: (632) 889.9464 / mobile: 0919.223.8128 or 0928.7208078
email: wingscareers@gmail.com / website: www.wingscareers.com
23rd floor Burgundy Corporate Tower 252 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City

The biggest and most exciting event designed for mummies and kids is now here!

DARICREME and Junior INQUIRER
present



May 18-20 2007
Megatrade Halls 2 & 3
5th level Bldg. B

MEGAMALL

FEATURING THE GRANDEST BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

EXHIBITOR PROFILE

Products: Clothes/ Apparel/ Footwear and bags/ Accessories and Equipment/ Toiletries/ Food/ Toy stores/ Music stores/ Books and other Educational materials/ Baby magazines/ Digital cameras and other gadgets/ Other Allied Products

Services: Day Care Centers/ Salons/ Montessori / Kindergarten and Prep Schools/ Spa/ Gym/ Music and Dance Schools/ Children's Party Organizers/ Amusement and Recreational Stations/ Educational Programs/Shows/ Junior Golf and other sports association/organizations for kids/ Other Allied Services

ORGANIZED BY:

MEGATRADE HALL AND

For inquiries, call 687-0654 / 687-0604.
Email: cut@pltdsl.net

You can now access Megatrade Hall's schedule of events on your mobile phone!
Text LUK4 EVENTS MEGATRADE Send to: 2851 (Globe) • 2951 (Smart) • 2851 (Sun)



Technology Resource Center

Operating a Laundry Shop Business

Understanding the latest management techniques is a must in today's competitive laundry industry. This refined "basics for beginners" seminar familiarizes participants with laundry basics and takes the guesswork out of your business endeavor.

Learn a step-by-step formula from a highly qualified 20-year industry veteran.

Seminar Schedules: May 26-27; June 16-17; July 21-22.
For more information, pls. contact TRC hotline no. 727-6205

In Cooperation With:

JohnsonDiversey
Clean is the beginning



It has to be Mother Goose Playskool..

- ✓ Authentic Montessori - Piagetian - Open Classroom program
- ✓ Child centered learning
- ✓ Low student/teacher ratio
- ✓ Secure learning environment
- ✓ Innovative facilities
- ✓ Inspired educators
- ✓ Happy students

...it is Mother Goose Playskool.

Since 1972



Visit us at **www.mothergooseplayskool.com**

PASIG 6314864 | MAKATI 6929756 | QUEZON CITY 4345963 | MARIKINA 9417923

LIPA CITY (043)7570345 | SAN CARLOS CITY (075)5322863 | BAYAMBANG (075)5922005
DAGUPAN CITY WITH HIGH SCHOOL (075)5220309 | URDANETA CITY WITH HIGH SCHOOL (075)5682861

Benedict stresses media education for children

By Romulo O. Ponte
Inquirer Southern
Luzon

POPE BENEDICT XVI exhorted the faithful all over the world to contemplate the immense importance of media and the urgency of educating children to be discriminating when it came to its use.

This was one of the Holy Father's main concerns in his two-page message which was distributed to all priests and religious worldwide on the occasion of the 41st World Communications Day on the Feast of Ascension Sunday today.

With the theme "Children and the Media: A Challenge for Education," the Pope invited the faithful to reflect on the formation of children bearing in mind that the "formative influence of media rivals that of the school, the Church, and maybe even the home."

Recognizing the pervasive influence of media on children in modern times, the Holy Father said many people involved in social communications or the media wanted to do what was right but he reminded them of their shortcomings.

The Pope recognized that "those who work in this field confront 'special psychological pressures and ethical dilemmas' which at times see commercial competitiveness compelling communicators to lower standards."

"Any trend to produce programs and products—including animated films and video games—which in the name of entertainment exalt violence and portray antisocial behavior or the trivialization of human sexuality is a perversion, all the more repulsive when these programs are directed at children and adolescents," Benedict said.

He appealed to the leaders of the media industry to educate and encourage producers to safeguard the common good, to uphold the truth, to protect individual human dignity and promote respect for the needs of the family.

The Pontiff said "the relationship of children, media and education can be considered from two perspectives: The formation of children by the media, and the formation of children to respond appropriately to the media. A kind of reciprocity emerges, which points to the responsibilities of the media as an industry and to the need for active and critical participation of readers, viewers and listeners."

He said educating children to be discriminating in their use of the media was a responsibility of their parents, the Church and schools. "The role of parents is of primary importance. They have a right and duty to ensure the prudent use of media by training the conscience of their children to express sound and objective judgments which will then guide them in choosing or rejecting programs available," the Pope said.

He urged that media education be positive, meaning that children should be helped to develop appreciation, prudence and the skill of discernment for what is morally excellent.

"They have to be trained to recognize the fundamental value of the good examples of parents and to introduce children to programs that are positive and uplifting, inspiring and vivifying to their hearts and minds and not to give in to the temptations of sensationalism in the popular literature without

being critical," he said.

The Pope noted that like education in general, media education required formation in the exercise of freedom.

He said the Church herself was a teacher of humanity and welcomed the opportunity to offer assistance to parents, educators, communicators and

young people.

"Her own parish and school programs

should be in the forefront of media education today. Above all,

the Church desires to share a vision of human dignity that is

central to all worthy human communication," the Pope said.

United Tree LENDING CORP
2% CAR/TRUCK LOAN
YR MODEL 1992-2007
PAY OFF PAST DUE W/BANK
656-0140/4112547-48/531-5577
1 HOUR RELEASE

HOT SUMMER FLIGHTS
AIRFARE
HONGKONG \$ 80 AUSTRALIA \$510
BANGKOK \$120 PARIS \$710
SINGAPORE \$100 LAX \$760
NARITA \$410 NEWARK \$935

TOUR PACKAGES
HKG+SZN PKG \$ 79 BANGKOK PKG \$ 149
1N HKG+1N SZN \$ 99 SINGAPORE PKG \$ 162
2N HKG+1N SZN \$ 109 2N HKG+1N MACAU \$ 219
HKG+SZN+DISNEY \$ 139 AUSTRALIA PKG \$ 1788
SZN+SHANGHAI \$ 160 EUROPE PKG \$ 2650

DOMESTIC PACKAGES
BORACAY P3380 | BOHOL P2770
P. PRINCESA P2935 | CEBU P2420

PASSPORTING, VISA ASSISTANCE AND LEGAL DOCUMENTATION PROCESSING AVAILABLE

MAGRIEL TRAVEL & TOURS
Rm. 301 Trinity Bldg. 438 T.M. Kellor St. Ermita, Manila
Tel.: 521-8222-52 • Fax: 521-8230/32 • Cell No.: (0920) 4218877
(0916) 5710185 • (0916) 4483113 • (0922) 9839530
E-mail: kareli12@yahoo.com

THE NEXT TRAVEL SYSTEM
Branch 1365, Leon Guinto Sr. St., Ermita, Manila
Tel.: 522-0288 • 521-0285 • Mobile no.: (0916) 5259111
• (0916) 8275250 • (0916) 7388504 • (0921) 4711084

BAD BREATH FREE!
TheraBreath
features the
"regenerating" technology VWR
(concentrated "gel-balanced" CIO)
to refresh Breath & Taste safely &
effectively WITHOUT harmful
chemicals commonly found in other
adventurous but ineffective products.

**NORVILLE FRESH
BREATH THERAPY CENTER**
Tel. No.: 832-044-6321
832-0380 / 832-044-6321
Cell. No.: 0917-7966880 / 0920-3287717
Website: www.therabreath.com

Register on-line for a FREE SEMINAR
Study Accounting, IT, English in AUSTRALIA @

ACCOUNTING
Presented by Dr Amir Eghlami
Limited Seats • Date and Time: Sunday 27-May-2007, 10:00 am -12:00 noon
Venue: Renaissance Makati City Hotel on Esperanza St. corner Makati Ave, Makati City,
RENAISSANCE ROOM
Php 150 entry fee at the door for unregistered attendees. On-line Registration closes at:
22:00 on Friday 25-May-2007. More information: info@acescentre.com.au
Registration on-line: www.acescentre.com.au/registration

**NIBOR
DIAMOND
BUYERS**

**DON'T WASTE TIME
DEAL WITH THE BEST**
FREE APPRAISAL
Highest Price and Instant Cash
for antique
(old cut) and modern cut diamonds
from 2 carats up to 30 carats.
Pawnshop owners and banks are welcome.
By Appointment Only:
Mobile: (0917) 840-1573
Located at
ROMAN Jewels, Inc.
298 Mezzanine Floor
Shangri-La Hotel Makati.

**FOR
IMMEDIATE
SALE**
450 sq.m. W/3
houses located at
New Manila, Q.C.
13.5 M
Call 722-0340
(10-12am)
951-2224
(2-6pm) or text
0916-5233344

**SAINT MARY'S
College of San Juan**
CHED Government Recognition No. 512
TRAINING HOSPITALS: Systems International
Medical Center, St. Clare Medical Center,
San Juan Medical Center, St. Martin De
Porres Charity Hospital, Marikina City
Vocational Center, Parañaque Medical Center
APPLICABLE AREAS: National Center for
Mental Health, Rizal Medical Center, Lung
Cancer Center, San Lazaro Hospital, Lung
Cancer Center, National Children's
Hospital, Orinoco Medical Center.

721-6938 or 39

Southeast Asian College, Inc.
(Formerly UDMC Colleges)
No. 2 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 712-3640 to 59 local 130, 122, 626
Direct Lines: 781-6362, 7123230, 712-1094,
712-8423, 781-6364, 712-0575
Accounting: 09166763973, Registrar 09272977300

**Giving you the competitive
edge for your global advantage!**
**ENROLMENT
ON GOING**
**NO TUITION FEE
INCREASE**
COURSES OFFERED
DEGREE COURSES:
Nursing • Radiologic Technology • Secretarial Administration • Tourism •
Psychology • Hotel & Restaurant Management • Business Administration •
Elementary Education • Secondary Education
2-YEAR COURSE:
Assoc. in Computer Secretarial • Assoc. in Medical Secretarial •
Assoc. in Health Science Education • Midwifery
1-YEAR COURSE:
General Secretarial

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Innovate Communications has received reports that there are certain individuals posing as linemen and contractors of Globe Broadband, offering their services and representing themselves to be authorized to receive payments for the installation of phone lines and/or broadband service and for regular bills. These unauthorized individuals issue reproduced official receipts or acknowledgement receipts.

Please be advised that initial payments for new applications are accepted by authorized Globe Broadband roving cashiers with proper identification only during Globe Broadband sales blitzes. Monthly fees for phone lines and/or broadband service and regular bill payments are accepted at Globelines Payments & Services centers and accredited banks.

We also would like to encourage the public to ask for proper identification from roving cashiers and Globe/Innovate Official Receipts (O.R.) when making payments. Subscribers are encouraged to ask for original copies of the O.R. and should not accept photocopies or acknowledgement receipts. Our official receipts are printed with serial numbers and bear the company's official logo, TIN number and office address.

Kindly note that our authorized contractors and linemen are provided identification cards by the company and wear uniforms with the Globelines logo.

Please report any instance related to this matter by calling telephone numbers (02) 919-8888 for Luzon or (032) 410-8888 for Visayas and Mindanao.

Thank you very much.

innove
COMMUNICATIONS

**Globe
BROADBAND**
Enriching real lives in real time.

Meet the global demand with a global education.

**FREE
ENTRANCE EXAM**
Education Business Nursing

Setting your sights on a successful career abroad?

- GREAT TEACHERS
- MODERN FACILITIES
- EXCELLENT PROGRAMS
- AFFORDABLE TUITION FEE
- STRONG NETWORK OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TECHVOC COURSES OFFERED: CAREGIVER/MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION
For inquiries, please contact the Admissions Office
Tel.: 757.5588 to 91 or 818.0945 to 46
Locals 814 to 815 • Mobile: 0918.924.7810
E-mail: info@gcic.edu.ph Website: www.gcic.edu.ph
Global standards. Global Opportunities.

We accept Transferees and Foreign Students

Global City Innovative College

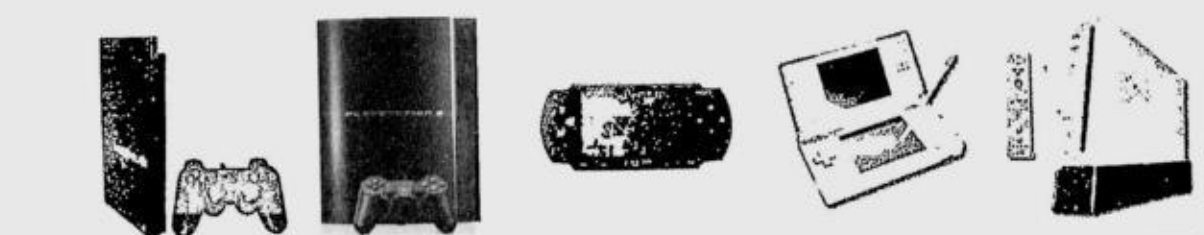
The Fort, Bonifacio Global City
"F Bonifacio" Technology Center, 31st St. cor 2nd Ave., Crescent Park
West, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

GCIC is the yellow building near Jollibee, Chowking and
Shell Gas Station inside The Fort, Bonifacio Global City
*CHED RECOGNITION GR permit no. 37 series of 2006, (BS Nursing)
GR permit no. 34 series of 2006, (BSBA)

We belong to the top 25% in terms of the Nursing Board Passing Rate
Enrollment Starts April 23, 2007 • Classes Start June 13, 2007

TRADE-IN TRADE-UP TO A BRAND NEW & ORIGINAL SONY PLAYSTATION 2 & 3, PSP, NDS Lite, Wii

Trade-in your old / working / non-working Sony Playstation 1, 2 and Nintendo Gameboys from May 21, 2007 to June 30, 2007 to any participating Circuit City Branches Nationwide and get up to 33% discount on the following brand new & original video game systems



Model	Sony Playstation 2 SCPH 77006	Sony Playstation 3 60 GB	Sony PSP Version 3.11	Nintendo DS Lite	Nintendo Wii
SRP -	Php 9,999.75	Php 35,999.75	Php 11,999.75	Php 9,999.75	Php 24,999.75
Trade up Price -	Php 6,700.00*	Php 27,500.00*	Php 8,700.00*	Php 7,500.00*	Php 16,500.00*
Saved -	Php 3,299.75 or 32.99 %	Php 8499.75 or 23.61 %	Php 3,299.75 or 27.49 %	Php 2,499.75 or 24.99 %	Php 8,499.75 or 33.99 %

Promo Mechanics:
Trade-in your old / working / non-working PS2 / PSP / Gameboy / Nintendo DS Lite / Wii to any participating Circuit City Branches Nationwide and choose the unit you wish to trade up and get a maximum 33% discount. Customers may also purchase any accessories of their choice for an additional 20% discount. Call us for details and terms of the promotion.

PARTICIPATING CIRCUIT CITY BRANCHES: CIRCUIT CITY (SM NORTH EDSA) 9279409 • CIRCUIT CITY (SM MEGAMALL) 9140958 • CIRCUIT CITY (SM FAIRVIEW) 9395012
CIRCUIT CITY (SM MANILA) 5226251 • CIRCUIT CITY (SM SOUTHMALL) 8003023 • CIRCUIT CITY (SM BACOOR) 046-9709881 • CIRCUIT CITY (STA. IJICA MALL) 6815222
CIRCUIT CITY (FESTIVAL MALL) 8503935 • CIRCUIT CITY (SM CEBU) 032-2326004 • CIRCUIT CITY (AYALA CEBU) 032-2315397 • CIRCUIT CITY (SM ILOILO) 033-3209730
CIRCUIT CITY (ROBINSON ILOILO) 033-5082623 • CIRCUIT CITY (ROBINSON BACOLOD) 034-4410574 • CIRCUIT CITY (SM BACOLOD) 034-7078653 • CIRCUIT CITY
(VICTORIA MALL DAVAO) 082-3053439 • CIRCUIT CITY (GASANO MALL DAVAO) 082-3032578 • CIRCUIT CITY (LKK MALL CAGAYAN DE ORO) 088-8562782 • CIRCUIT CITY
(LCC NAGA) 054-4730802 • CIRCUIT CITY (MAGIC MALL PANGASINAN) 075-6242321

Sony Playstation 1, 2 & 3, PSP, Nintendo DS Lite, Wii are registered trademarks of SCEI, Nintendo and its respective owners. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1752, Series of 2007

Fil-Am poll observer: It's my duty to be here

From page A1



FEU - EAST ASIA COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING • COLLEGE OF COMPUTER STUDIES

CONGRATULATES

Engr. Noel Andy B. Saturno

1ST PLACER
with
96.85% Rating
in the
CIVIL
ENGINEERING
May 2007
Licensure
Examination



and other
CE Board Passers
with 91.7% school passing rate

Engr. Raymond Lou S. Cavan

Engr. Israel V. Ditan

Engr. Micael A. Empeño

Engr. Richard Bryan E. Gatan

Engr. Mark Lloyd B. Lirio

Engr. Alelyn G. Panganiban

Engr. Christotle C. Pili

Engr. Angelica O. Romero

Engr. Arnel C. Sagcal

Engr. Sharlene A. Tinasas

WE NEED LOVE CARE AND SUPPORT!



Donate Now!

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Peace and Love of Jesus!

Your donation will support and assist psychologically suppressed and differently Abled persons, neglected and abandoned children and adult. Educational assistance & character development through values education.

From Jesus Christ: and long ages ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others. Ephesians 2:10 (LB)

Give your donation via:

Cheque
Please write Cheque payable to: Helping Hands and Hearts Inc.

In Cash
Please deposit to any branch of Banco Filipino S/A: 20-050-033010-8

For more information & other ways to send donation pls. Call/E-mail: **HELPING HANDS AND HEARTS INC.**
Blk. 92 Lot 29 Magnolia St., Brgy. Rizal, Makati City
Tel. No.: 779-2927
Email: oneheart_onenation@yahoo.com.ph

DONATE-A-LOAD

OPEN TO GLOBE & TM SUBSCRIBERS ONLY
Text: HHH <space> amount and send to 2899
Acceptable amounts are P5, P25, P50, P100 & P300 (only P1.00/sms)

LET'S HELP SUPPORT OUR ORPHANS

ELSIE GACHES VILLAGE THROUGH SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. ANNE
JARDIN DE MARIA (Somaskan Missionary Sisters) Foundation Inc.
HELPING HANDS AND HEARTS INC.

Her special area of research is democracy development and institute building, especially in the Third World, and after finishing college in May 2006, she "definitely considered traveling and choosing among several community-building and development programs [abroad]."

"But in the end I chose to come here because if I'm going to help develop a country, it should be my own," Lero said, her voice often lost in the cacophony of tricycles and trucks plying the street outside—a reminder of how far she had wandered from her Brooklyn apartment.

IPD internship

Lero managed in January to secure an internship with the Institute for Popular Democracy, a reform advocacy center also based in Quezon City. As an IPD fellow, she got a chance to put her training to use as a lecturer or project facilitator.

Her original travel plans specified returning to New York in March to resume job-hunting. (She had actually kept in touch with nongovernment organizations in the United States and was interviewed on the phone by up to three prospective employers.)

"But all these opportunities and emotions came up," she said, referring to the election fever beginning to peak at the time.

Lero easily got a slot in the IOM, especially because the mission included IPD among its organizers. Her scheduled flight home had to wait.

But her mother and father, a chemist and a plant mechanic, respectively, now based in North Carolina, were not pleased.

"They were not supportive at all," Lero said, referring to her folks, both Visayans, who migrated to the United States for "common—economic—reasons" in the 1970s.

"Huwag! Bakit mo gusto pumunta doon? Delikado doon! Magulo doon! (Don't! Why do you want to go there? It's dangerous there!)" she recalled them saying on the phone in August when she was preparing to fly out.

"Knowing that they had worked so hard to live in America, to give up what they knew here, I'm sure they had a lot of fear about my getting involved in politics here," she said.

'My duty'

At this point, Lero appeared to struggle to get the words out: "But my feeling is that I can do something, [that] it is my duty, because people who have the opportunity should help those who cannot help themselves. That's my belief."

"So while it may be a little, you know, hokey and mushy, I did not feel that I was losing anything by coming here. Because if I decided it would be useless, I could always just go back."

Lero was part of a three-member IOM team that monitored the elections in Pampanga, touring the capital city San Fernando and at least six more towns, on May 12-15.

Her parents' "fears for my safety" seemed to have been validated during her team's road trip.

Consistent with what other IOM members have reported, Lero said her team encountered crowds curiously gathered in one place where either a town mayor or barangay chair was holding court, distributing sample ballots and "envelopes" on the eve of the elections.

It particularly "disturbed" her team, she

said, to see "children being used" to distribute campaign materials.

The team also caught parts of a Mass being celebrated to "bless" independent poll watchers before they were deployed. At the very moment the priest was warning in his homily about blackouts mysteriously occurring on Election Day, the power did go out suddenly in the neighborhood.

And based on "reports" reaching her team, the going rate for alleged vote-buying operations in Pampanga were P500 each for members of drivers' associations, P300 to P500 each for members of senior citizens' groups, and P3,000 each for school teachers assigned to the polling precincts.

'Filipinos deserve better'

Lero said the IOM team sent to Negros Occidental reported seeing "five different election returns with the same penmanship."

"It can become so obvious and outrageous that all they could do was laugh," she said.

But seriously, she said, "the overall feeling [of IOM delegates] is that the world is watching and that the world cares."

Added Lero: "Our general belief is that Filipinos deserve better than a deficient democracy, or a democracy that is nominal only."

"It's been quite offensive and quite depressing to see how much immoral action has occurred. Before I came here, when I told people that I was going back to hopefully work on reforming the Philippine political system, a lot of people laughed at me. They said it was beyond hope, they said it was too far gone."

"But I think [otherwise], seeing especially the outpouring of interest from civil society, seeing especially the group gathered in San Fernando who were private citizens with no organization, the multitude of volunteers of my age and younger, barangay captains who refuse to be afraid. These are stories that inspire me personally."

These people, she said, went "with no sleep, no food, looking over the shoulders" of their election officers, and "very alert to the mechanisms of dagdag-bawas (vote-padding and -shaving)."

Desire for reform

Though professing no interest in entering politics in the future, Lero said she saw herself staying in the academe, perhaps earning a Ph.D., and doing NGO work "designing institutions" and "understanding their failures."

A lot more need here

"People want to study things, to understand them, and so a responsible government would seek the advice of these academic experts in order to better formulate their policies and institutions. And so I hope to be someone who could offer advice to people or policymakers who are dedicated to reform," she said.

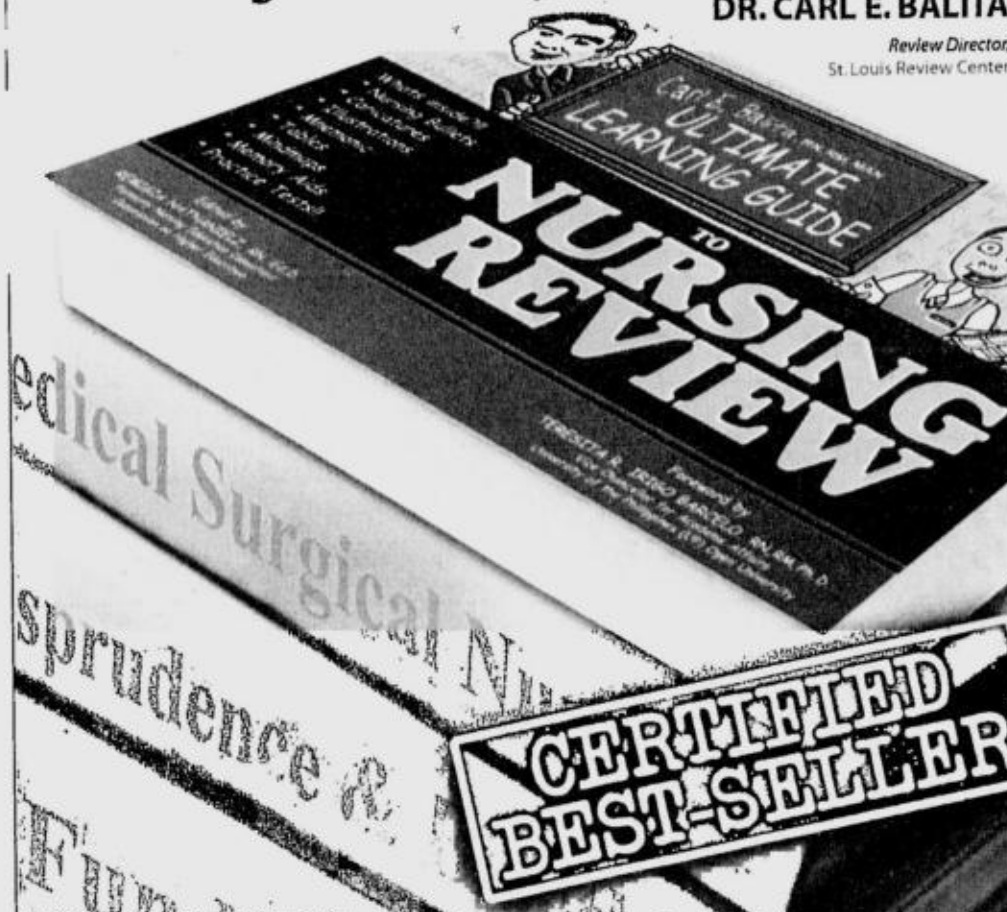
Perhaps, she said, unlike the other IOM members who saw her "home" country in such a state these days, "my desire for reform tends to come from a lot more emotional place."

But before she gets carried away, isn't she supposed to be calling her airline now, or at least following up her job applications in New York?

Said Lero: "It has gotten me thinking: There are so many qualified applicants there. It's not that I'm scared I won't get the position, but it's obvious that there is a lot more need here."

The most complete reviewer recommended by topnotchers and nursing educators!

From the Ultimate Reviewer
DR. CARL E. BALITA
Review Director,
St. Louis Review Center



Available at all National Bookstore, Jade Bookstore, C&E, and St. Louis Review Centers nationwide
For orders, call (02) 4-100-250 or visit www.caribalita.com. For Ultimate Coaching, contact SLRC at (02) 735-4098

Sa dami ninyong nag-patrol, maraming katiwalian ang naiwasan.

Nagpapasalamat kami sa sambayanang Pilipino
na buong tapang na nagbantay ng ating boto.
Isang patunay na ang Pilipino ay mas mulat
sa pangangalaga ng kanyang bayan.

Sa pinakamalawak na coverage ng
ABS-CBN News and Current Affairs,
testigo kami na ang Pilipino saan man sa bansa,
hindi naiiba ang damdamin na maisulong ang bayan.

Patuloy ang pagpapatrol ng sambayanan.
Maraming salamat po!

Halalan '07

**BOTO MO
IPATROL
MO!**

MOST TRUSTED NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS GROUP NATIONWIDE*

ABS-CBN	66%
Nearest Competitor	40%

MOST-WATCHED ELECTION COVERAGE NATIONWIDE**

	ABS-CBN	Nearest Competitor
Morning Coverage	8.8	8.6
Afternoon Coverage	14.9	12.0
TV Patrol World	30.6	22.8
Bandila	9.7	7.0
Late Night Coverage	4.5	3.8

* Nielson Media Research Nationwide Media Landscape Study, November 2006
** AGBNMR NUTAM, Urban Philippines, May 14, 2007

ABS CBN

ISSN
0116-2642

INQUIRER

Vol. 22 No. 171

OPINION

Text us your feedback: Inquirer opi name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER, INC. has its business and editorial offices at:
 • Chino Roces Ave corner Yague and Mascarido Sts., Makati City
 • P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City
 • Our telephone numbers are 897-8808 connecting all departments
 • Editorial Fax 897-4793 / 897-4794 • Advertising 897-4807
 • Circulation 527-3342 / 527-3348 / 528-0183
 • 528-0186 and 528-0213 / Fax: 528-02-34
 • Subscription Hotline 896-6000



Senator Alan Cayetano

THOSE WHOM THE GODS IN MALACAÑANG WISH to destroy, they first field a namesake candidate against. Consider the unfortunate Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano. If the Commission on Elections under Chair Benjamin Abalos had been truly independent, Cayetano today would be among the candidates leading the Senate canvass. That he is hanging on for dear life in the notorious *dagdag-bawas* zone is the direct result of the administration's anti-Cayetano strategy.

The latest manifestation of that strategy came to light the other day, when the Abalos Comelec "discovered" that 100,000 votes had been subtracted from Cayetano (and Genuine Opposition colleague Francis Escudero) in the Zambales certificate of canvass. That a round number of votes were in fact shaved from opposition candidates is nothing new; what is (relatively) new is Abalos' own immediate response.

Announcing that the missing votes would be restored, Abalos explained away the anomaly as a mere clerical error, an "honest mistake." Yes, and the Garci tapes started with the wrong number. The deletion of 100,000 votes in the transition from statement of votes to certificates of canvass is precisely the kind of electoral sleight of hand that happens when *dagdag-bawas* operators are in the picture; Abalos knows this all too well, but the anti-Cayetano strategy also involves protecting everyone involved in the fraud. Instead of seizing on the anomaly as prima facie evidence that election fraud was taking place, Abalos apologized for the "honest mistake." What he must have meant was: Sorry, we did not mean to get caught.

Other parts of the anti-Cayetano strategy, however, have been characterized by the same brazenness, the same use of legal form to hide criminal intent.

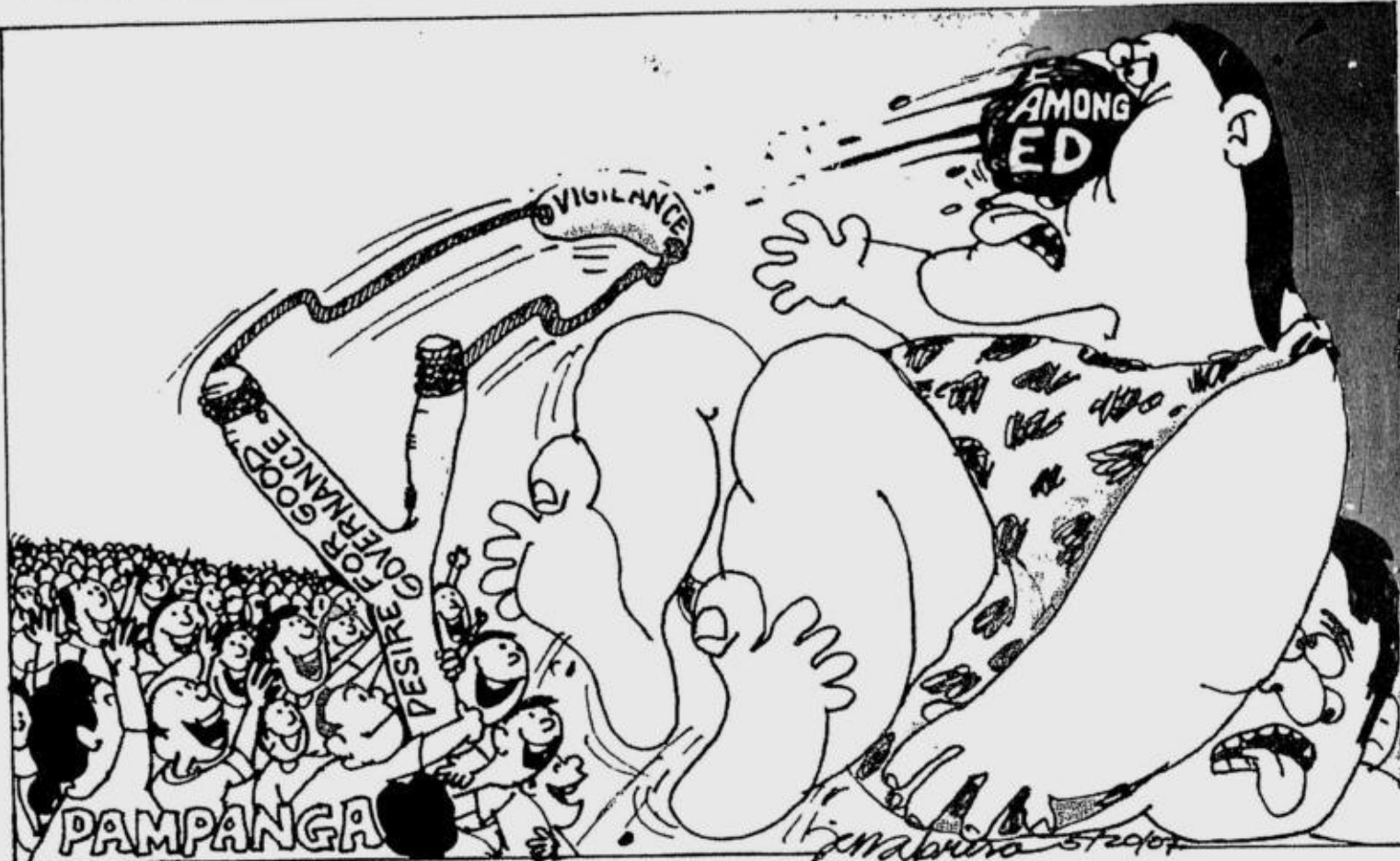
It took a division of the Abalos Comelec more than a month to disqualify Joselito Cayetano—the man who went by the nickname "Jojo" but listed his nickname in the certificate of candidacy as "Peter"—as a nuisance candidate. He was unknown and unqualified—not because of his poverty but because of his lack of capacity to run a nationwide campaign. Indeed, the fact that he did not give media interviews (the kind of free publicity any serious candidate hungers for) should have been enough reason to see through the nature of his candidacy. That he called himself Peter, obviously to cause his namesake congressman mischief at the polls, should have quickly led to the same conclusion: This Cayetano was not a serious candidate. That it took the Comelec en banc another six weeks to confirm the division's finding shows that the deliberate delay was really part of the strategy. The decision came out on May 11, the last Friday before elections.

Deliberate confusion was another key part of that strategy. The day after the May 11 decision, the Abalos Comelec issued a reminder that the disqualification of Joselito Cayetano was not yet final—and that therefore he remained a candidate. On election day itself, the Department of Education issued a memorandum, signed by Undersecretary Franklin Sunga, directing teachers not to include "Cayetano-only" votes in the count: "if only the word Cayetano is written on the ballot, the vote shall be considered stray."

We cannot remember any other instance when the DepEd, the government's largest single agency, ever issued a memorandum essentially protecting a nuisance candidate. The long arm of Malacañang is long indeed.

Why is the young and sometimes too voluble Cayetano in the crosshairs of the Arroyo administration? Why is his candidacy receiving intense attention from the Palace and its allies? It must be because he has angered the President's husband, after he accused Jose Miguel Arroyo of maintaining a secret, multimillion-dollar bank account in Germany. Arroyo has even tried to have Cayetano expelled from the House, on ethics charges. To be sure, Cayetano has failed to substantiate his accusation, until, that is, election day. On May 14, the full power of his enemies was unleashed on him—indirect but compelling proof, in our view, that Cayetano, the real Cayetano, had hit close to home.

That is why Alan Peter Cayetano is the target of election fraud on a scale unseen since Ninoy Aquino and his Laban running mates were shut out in the 1978 elections. Whether he wins or loses in the official count, in reality he was elected, resoundingly, a senator of the republic.



Postmortem on the last elections

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT THE ELECTIONS last Monday would be a referendum on President Macapagal-Arroyo, specifically whether there would be enough members in the House of Representatives to impeach her and enough members in the Senate to convict and remove her. The returns so far indicate that the required numbers cannot be reached, at least in the lower House, and her supporters are already crowing that the victory of many of her candidates is a clear indication of the nation's support for President Arroyo.

Despite my age and an accustomed cynicism over the morality of Philippine politics, I still hoped, as so many of us did, that the polls this year would reflect the true sentiments of the electorate and render an honest verdict on the present administration. That was a dream denied. As in past elections, the country is again deluged with reports of irregularities that cast much doubt on the integrity of the elections just concluded. I cannot accept that the suspected results of the voting last Monday are a resounding accolade for the much-criticized Ms Arroyo.

I suppose some readers will dismiss these observations as just old hat and sour grapes and impatiently turn to some celebratory views. I myself would celebrate if the anomalies this year were less than in past elections, but there is more this year as if they have returned with a vengeance. There was, for example, that senatorial candidate accused of excessive expenses who said in effect, "So what? I have plenty of money and I'm spending it!" Was that the sneering justification for legitimate candidacy? As for sour grapes, I'm not eating any because I'm an independent voter with a mixed list of favorites, including Joker Arroyo, Sonia Roco and the Kapatiran ticket.

The trouble with the last elections was their

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz



ambiguity. In past elections under the two-party system, the people knew what and who they were voting for. It was simply a choice between the Nacionalista Party and the nationalism of Recto and Laurel and the Liberal Party and the pro-Americanism of Roxas and Pelaez. The candidates campaigned together, not against each other, and the common objective was to retain or regain political power with the victory of the entire "straight" ticket.

It was different in the last elections under the multi-party system. The two dominant groups running for the Senate did not constitute separate political parties but a shaky alliance of candidates with various partisan loyalties or even none at all. The criterion for admission was not individual competence but, as declared by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo herself as the moral exemplar of the nation, mere "winnability." Accordingly, both the Team Unity and the Genuine Opposition tickets included strange bedfellows with adjustable attachments.

Notably, members in the same political ticket conducted separate individual campaigns to be in the winning circle and even to top the Senate election this year in preparation for the presidential election in 2010. There were as many as 12 indistinguishable political parties that participated directly in the local elections as well as no less than 91 splinter groups permitted to increase by as many as 55 party-list members the 220 district membership of the

House of Representatives. All told, there were 17,889 elective positions, predominantly those from the local governments, that were filled last Monday, many through the use of mayhem and money.

But it was not the mere number of candidates or the widespread irregularities that made the results of the recent polls unreliable. What was lacking was the political identification of the candidates and the issues they supported. In 1953, for example, the choice was between Quirino and Magsaysay, in 1944 whether parity rights should be granted or denied the Americans. Undeniably, there were also irregularities during those years, but they did not confuse the voters on the decisions they had to make on the questions squarely presented to them.

It was not so last Monday. The basis of the recent elections was not party responsibility, as in the truly democratic state, but the brassy claim of undefined and inconsistent politicians for the honor of public office. The condition of the country and how to improve it should have been the subject of the political debates instead of innocuous motherhood issues and song-and-dance routines. The real purpose of the 2007 elections was to merely satisfy the selfish motive of the candidates, which was simply and, shamelessly, to win.

That is why I do not accept the results of the last elections as an approval and endorsement of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Her "lapse in judgment" in the Hello, Garci scandal should have warned me that the elections this year would be nothing more than an invalid referendum. May 14 turned out to be only a vacuous compliance to fill vacated positions with mostly vacant minds, at much cost to the public coffers and a defamation of representative government. The elections were a mockery of the right of suffrage.

The mission goes on

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD



THE STORY IS TOLD ABOUT A MAN WHO lay dying. It was a sad and solemn moment as he called the name of his children, and one by one, they all said "I'm here, father." After the youngest son's name was called and he said "I'm here, father," the dying man suddenly opened his eyes and angrily exclaimed: "My golly! You are all here! Who is minding our store below?"

In today's Gospel (Lk. 24, 46-53) we hear of the Lord who, before His departure from this earth, gave to His disciples the mandate and the mission to preach repentance to all nations. He made sure that the disciples got their clear marching orders and that they were empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out their mission. Till the very end, the Lord was focused not on Himself, but on His mission for the Father. Shouldn't we all be busy doing our mission for God?

Looking at our country and at the way we do elections, it seems to me that the message of repentance has not really sunk in. It has been preached over and over again, but it has not been received. Except in some isolated situations, money, not God, was the main factor. It is disgusting to see how our people's choices and wishes are totally disregarded and disrespected. May God have mercy on those who trample upon our people's hopes and dreams, and may God also be swift in giving justice to His little ones whom they have wronged.

With the coming of cellular phones, operator-assisted calls are now almost a thing of the past in our country. But not when it comes to elections, because we still have operator-assisted elections in our country wherein, for a fee, somehow, overnight, candidates can be made or unmade. And there is no repentance, almost no conscience about the whole matter. This pervading culture of lying, cheating, manipula-

tion and deceit is precisely the reason why we, as a country and as a people cannot ascend and move on. May the Lord cut us loose and set us free from people who burden us and bring us down.

I'm writing this column from the Holy Land, and I have been praying much for our country here, where they say a telephone call to heaven is just considered a local call. One ascension moment I experienced was when I received the news that my classmate Fr. Ed Panlilio, against all odds, is now the governor-elect of the province of Pampanga. Praise God! His victory is proof that goodness can and does triumph over evil. Among Ed's triumph is the triumph of the majority of our people who are sick and tired of dirty politics. It is also the triumph of the Ascension mandate to rise above the darkness of sin and the burdens of evil.

Let us remember that the Lord did not leave us abandoned or orphaned when He left this world. He left us with power from on high. It's not as if we are powerless and helpless. The people of Pampanga have shown us that it is possible to band together. To spread the good news, as the disciples started from Jerusalem to the whole world, perhaps we can spread from Pampanga to the whole Philippines the message of fresh start and new beginnings in our land.

Today is World Communication Sunday. It's amazing how small this world has become because of our modern-day communication facil-

ities. But it is also saddening how closed and cold people have become because of culture, creed, or affiliations. On the personal level, we all must continue the Ascension spirit of rising above our walls to reach out toward one another. The moment we stop reaching out, we begin to isolate ourselves, and instead of breaking forth, we become imprisoned by our own fears and insecurities.

Today, the feast of the Ascension, it would be good to ask ourselves what are those things that weigh us down. Someone once said that angels can fly not so much because they have wings, but more so because they carry no burdens. What are the burdens that drag you down? What are the excess pieces of luggage that hinder and encumber your flight?

Lest we forget, we all are and should be witnesses to the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension. We all are supposed to remind people of God's presence and power in our midst. When people see or encounter us, are they reminded and inspired? May we all become "living reminders" of God's presence and love.

They say little who love much. In fact, those who love much need not say much. As long as there are men and women who quietly and humbly live out their commitment to the mandate of the Ascension, then we can be rest assured that the work of salvation goes on.

Bantay Matanda Inc. invites you to a lay forum on May 26, 2007, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Janssen Hall, Christ the King Seminary, E. Rodriguez Blvd., Quezon City. Topic: "How to Care for Alzheimer's Patients." For inquiries, you may call 373-2262 or 09174167849.

A moment with the Lord:
 Lord, remind me that the mission is never done, and that the mission goes on, Amen.

Publisher ISAGANI YAMBOT

Editor in Chief LETTY JIMENEZ-MAGSANO

Managing Editor JOSE MA. D. NOLASCO

Associate Editor ABELARDO S. ULANDAY

Associate Editor for Readership ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO

News Editor ARTEMIO T. ENGRACIA JR. • Chief, News Day Desk NILO B. PAUROM

Opinion Editor JORGE V. ARUTA

National Editor PERGENTINO B. BANDAYREL JR.

Senior Desk Editor JUAN V. SARMIENTO JR.

Editorial Consultant AMANDO DORONILA

Chief Photographer ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Art & Design Director LYNETT A. VILLARIBA

Board Chairman MARIXI R. PRIETO

President ALEXANDRA PRIETO-ROMUALDEZ

Executive Vice President DAVID O. VALDES

Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing RENATO R. REINOSO

VP for Advertising FELIPE R. OLARTE

AVP for Circulation SANDY SIMON R. YAP

Readers' Advocate LORNA KALAW TIROL

readersadvocate@inquirer.com.ph • Tel. No. 897-8808, Loc. 342

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007

OPINION



Hot seat in the Supreme Court

MALACANANG'S LETTER ANNOUNCING THE appointment of Sandiganbayan Justice Gregory S. Ong to the Supreme Court was received last May 16, while the high tribunal was holding a special session. Presided over by Acting Chief Justice Leonardo A. Quisumbing, in the absence of Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno who was on official business in Sydney, the justices were flustered by the presidential choice.

Zero vote in the Supreme Court. Their disconcerting reaction was predictable. The Palace should have expected it. None of the high court members voted for Ong when they were asked to express their preferences to fill the seat vacated by Justice Romeo J. Callejo Sr. By waving a zero vote, the justices clearly telegraphed that Ong was not ready for promotion. Instead, they selected Sandiganbayan Presiding Justice Teresita Leonardo de Castro, and Justices Martin S. Villarama Jr. and Edgardo P. Cruz, both of the Court of Appeals.

However, the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC)—the agency constitutionally mandated to recommend judicial appointees—those eight nominees; namely, De Castro and Villarama who both merited the unanimous vote of the eight JBC members; Court of Appeals Presiding Justice Ruben T. Reyes who got six votes; and five others who each got five votes, namely: Court of Tax Appeals Presiding Justice Ernesto D. Acosta, Labor Secretary Arturo D. Brion, Cruz, Ong and Sandiganbayan Justice Francisco H. Villaruz Jr. In the past, the JBC recommended only five names for every Supreme Court vacancy. But this time, it included eight names.

The JBC is composed of Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno (ex-officio chair), Justice Secretary Raul M. Gonzalez, Sen. Francis Pangilinan, Rep. Simeon A. Datumanong, Dean Amado L. Dimayuga, retired Supreme Court Justice Regino C. Hermosissima Jr., Atty. Jay Conrado P. Castro and retired Sandiganbayan Justice Raoul V. Victorino (members).

Ignoring rank, age and precedence. In choosing Ong, President Macapagal-Arroyo bypassed the three heads of the three appellate courts: Reyes of

WITH DUE RESPECT

Artemio V. Panganiban



the Court of Appeals, De Castro of the Sandiganbayan, and Acosta of the Court of Tax Appeals.

These three presiding justices are superior in rank, age and precedence of appointment to their respective courts than the appointee. Reyes, 68, was named a member of the Court of Appeals on Feb. 19, 1994, while De Castro, 58, was appointed to the Sandiganbayan on Sep. 8, 1997, and Acosta, 64, was named a Court of Tax Appeals member on March 22, 1991. On the other hand, Ong, 54, reached the Sandiganbayan on Oct. 5, 1998. To my recollection, President Arroyo, in obvious deference to the high court, has in the past appointed only from those who had been chosen by the Court and who had topped the JBC balloting. Why the sudden change in presidential standards?

Serious question on citizenship. More damning than the zero vote of Ong and his inferior rank, age and judicial precedence is his alleged lack of qualification to sit in the highest court of the land. Under Sec. 7 (1) of the Constitution, "(n)o person shall be appointed Member of the Supreme Court or any lower collegiate court unless he is a natural-born citizen of the Philippines." Further, Sec. 2 of Art. IV defines natural-born citizens as "those who are citizens of the Philippines from birth without having to perform any act to acquire or perfect their Philippine citizenship."

In the sworn "Personal Data Sheet" he submitted to the JBC, Ong claims to be a "natural-born" citizen. However, his birth certificate states that he was born on May 25, 1953 of a Chinese father, Eugenio Ong Han Seng, and a Chinese mother, Dy Guiok Santos. On Jan. 13, 1961, his

father filed a "Petition for Naturalization."

In a decision dated Jan. 10, 1962, Judge Andres Reyes of the Court of First Instance of Rizal granted the petition. On May 26, 1964, Eugenio took his oath of allegiance as a Filipino. On July 13, 1966, the Bureau of Immigration "recognized" Gregory Ong "as a citizen of the Philippines, being the legitimate son of Eugenio Ong Han Seng, a naturalized Filipino citizen."

On Oct. 18, 1979, the Supreme Court allowed Ong to take the bar examination, on condition that he shall "not take the lawyer's oath until he submits a certification from the Office of the Solicitor General that the court order naturalizing his father has not been appealed." He complied, passed the bar test with a grade of 76.45, and then took his oath as an attorney.

On May 22, 1997, the secretary of justice granted, on reconsideration, Ong's petition to be issued "a new Identification Certificate indicating that he is a natural-born Filipino citizen," on the ground that his mother was allegedly a Filipina.

Based on all these facts, is Gregory S. Ong qualified to be a member of the highest court of the land? This question will take time to settle. In the meantime, until his entitlement thereto is definitively resolved, I believe that he should not sit as a Supreme Court member, as a matter of *delicadeza* and to save the hallowed institution he aspires to join from unnecessary controversy.

Of the five incumbent lady-members of the Court, only Justice Conchita Carpio Morales does not use a hyphen in her married surname. That is why my original manuscript last Sunday intentionally omitted it between the names Carpio and Morales. Unfortunately, our INQUIRER proofreader placed one. I make this public correction, because I know the sensitivities in the high court about how the names of the justices are to be spelled and punctuated.

Comments are welcome at chiefjusticepanganiban@hotmail.com

Rhinestone kid on a freeway star

I'M TOLD THAT A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN THE WORLD was still flat and a man could fall off the edge if he wasn't careful, mapmakers would paint maps of the world as they knew it, inking in the jagged peaks of mountains and the long curving lines of coast. But there were always those spaces left, the lonely places, the vast plains of the unknown where even the bravest dared not go. On those areas, the cartographers would write, in beautiful calligraphy, "Here be dragons."

There's something in that phrase that gets to me, something wild and raw and irresistible. A few days ago, I was given a crash course on map reading by a friend who couldn't comprehend the fact that I had no idea I lived in, the north. To me, south and north and east and west are, foreign concepts, just as improbable as Peter Pan's directions to Neverland—first star to the right, straight on till morning. I feel about maps the same way I feel about electric bills and applied physics—I know they exist, but if I try hard enough, they won't ever invade my reality.

To look at a map for me is the same thing as looking at a price tag in Zara, or finding out the ingredients of the secret sauce in a McDonald's burger. That I occasionally humiliate myself by asking if we're taking a bus to Leyte from Cubao is something I'm willing to live with. It means I get to jump into the Quezon Avenue MRT, get off at Ayala and still get a thrill at the thought of walking to the Ninoy Aquino shrine—which, to me, could be anywhere between here to Neverland. And there's that moment of triumph, when I walk into a meeting sweaty, exhausted and grinning, after tramping over half of Makati and nearly getting run over twice. The map in my head that I take home is different: turn into the street with the bent tree, go past the guard with the shiny boots, the building is the one with the pink Laundromat.

Of course there are the moments of fear—the time when I had to place a tearful phone call to my very-much-annoyed older brother, asking for directions to Ortigas, and taking 10 minutes to establish I was in Ortigas; the time I stood in the Dumaguete boulevard at two in the morning, unwilling to believe I had no idea where my hotel was; the time I found myself inside my own village in fifth grade, being driven home by someone's impatient mother after a friend's birthday, telling her to go left then right when I suspected I may even be in the wrong village. My friends have gotten used to my calls in the middle of the day, calls that begin with, "I'm standing across this ugly orange-and-yellow building, and there's a funny-looking billboard to my left." Did I mention I write for a travel channel?

Last Wednesday, I didn't plan on going out of town, and I certainly didn't plan on spending a total of 12 hours with my behind fused to a plastic seat. The plan was to sit on the couch at home, television open to the election count, tiny electric fan sputtering against the heavy heat of a dying May sun. But there I was, at nine in the morning, on a yellow-curtained Victory Liner bus, bumping up to Baguio for a story, while chewing wad after wad of tasteless gum. I remember the bright pink benches on the second rest stop, with Sisoh painted in white on the planks. I remember the man with the missing tooth selling *chicharon*, and the bathroom that I charged P5 for "ih!" and P10 for "dumi." I remember, just before going down from the bus, watching a guy in a blue cap spit his gum into a corner torn from this paper's Opinion section.

After the ride, a friend traced our route from Manila to Baguio on a notebook map. I found myself staring at the blobs of color, unable to reconcile the green splotch of Tarlac with the picture in my head: floppy gray clouds, red umbrellas, yellow fields and *sari-sari* stores with their names scrawled on Extra Joss streamers.

Robert Thomas Allen once said that most of his treasured memories of travel were recollections of sitting. I remember a long ride by the coast of Negros Oriental, watching a sea turn from green to purpling blue, while a sharp wind whipped and snapped. I remember sitting on the London underground, watching every new passenger whip out a book or newspaper with the same bright-eyed expectation as my friend David has in the two seconds before he lifts the Styrofoam cover of a two-piece Chicken Joy meal. I remember, mostly, the tingle at the very tips of my toes whenever the ride starts, and the automatic wish for the ride to go on just a little bit longer whenever I get to where I'm supposed to go.

Someone asked me once if I knew what the Philippine map looked like. It looked like a dragon, I said. I was told to look again. And while I can happily say there is something particularly romantic about dragons and damsels in distress, I find nothing poetic about the image of my country's map bearing unusual similarities to a dog taking a crap. But once upon a time, before Magellan landed on the Philippines and claimed it for king and country, mapmakers inked out a different name for this country on their long rolls of parchment—"Here be dragons."

My year-old niece Isabella, the Napoleon in Pampers who gives my father his marching orders with staccato shrieks and tiny pointing fingers, transforms into a wide-eyed angel whenever she is deposited into the back seat of the family van. For the duration of the ride, she sits and stares out the wide windows, fat legs sprawled, head swinging from side to side, a beatific smile on her chubby face. For her, the dragons are everywhere.

For comments, just text: PM REBEL name, age, location, message then send to 2948 for Globe/Sun and 3940 for Smart. E-mail at rebel.inquirer@gmail.com

"Our times demand selflessness and self-sacrifice. The insincere, the dishonest, the selfish, the greedy, the laggard have no place."

—President Ramon Magsaysay's State of the Nation Address, Jan. 23, 1956

"To know what kind of an army we have, we must find out what manner of men are the officers who command it."

—President Ramon Magsaysay speaks before the Philippine Military Academy graduates, March 15, 1954

"Our citizens must refuse to let politics—politics in its basest sense—dominate government."

—President Ramon Magsaysay before the Philippine Association of College and University Professors, June 10, 1955

Making it down the mountain

ON OUR LAST FULL DAY IN BATANES, OUR group—the last "Photo Safari" for the summer season, organized by Mandy Navasero—boarded a jeepney and headed for "The Fountain of Youth."

Choosing to stay behind was Bulletin lifestyle editor Ethel Timbol who had woken up with a swollen ankle after twisting it the day before at the "Boulder Beach." Little did we know as we departed our quarters, the Batanes Seaside Lodge, that a few hours hence we would be envying Ethel, her morning spent enjoying the ministrations of a physical therapist.

When I asked my cousin Bon and his wife Loy, who had joined an earlier photo safari to Batanes, what I should prepare for, I was told to "get ready to do a lot of hiking and climbing." Loy also said she was tired out "mostly from hanging on to the handles of the jeepneys" as they bounced down Batanes' paved but winding mountain roads. The bit about the jeepney rides proved true. As Ethel exclaimed in her inimitable way: "For such a small island, we're certainly taking a lot of long jeepney rides!" I wondered when the hiking and climbing part would start.

That morning's drive took us to Diura fishing village, on the central western coast of Batan Island. Our jeepney parked on a small clearing where a group of men were constructing *bancas*, while nearby was a spanking new barrio school, painted bright blue and yellow. We got down and immediately the photo buffs started shooting left and right. The housewives among us marveled at the strips of Dorado fish drying in the sun, but when some of us inquired if we could buy them, they were told that these were not for sale.

All through the summer fishing season, when the seas were calm, the fisherfolk in the village would go out every day and haul in their catch. The women would then skin and fillet the fish, drying them in the sun to store for the rainy season ahead. Regardless of the amount of fish an individual fisherman was able to bring in, the collective catch was divided evenly among all the families in the village. The date for divvying up was determined by tradition, and it was considered bad luck

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



to sell or pilfer from the communal cache.

FROM DIURA, armed with walking sticks and protected by an armor of ignorance—for we did not know what exactly lay ahead—we set off on foot for "The Fountain of Youth." Mandy had warned us the night before to "prepare to get wet," and so most of us were clad in shorts and slippers. The hike was interrupted now and then by impromptu photo sessions among the cogen grass, and for the umm, more senior members of the group to stop and catch their breaths.

The walk would have seemed interminable, were it not for tantalizing glimpses of a beach and of blue waters with sailing boats bobbing in the waves. After climbing up a hill and down, we came upon some steps carved into the hillside and as we descended them, we caught sight of a spring spilling out into a large pool, some huts, and two more pools on the very edge of the mountainside. The sight made us catch our breaths, for it seemed as if we had stumbled into a five-star resort in the middle of nowhere, with a natural infinity pool blending into the horizon of the sea below. We had found our "Fountain of Youth."

We frolicked in the chilly spring waters, taking time for group shots, and took a morning break of boiled corn. And then Mandy announced that we were going "spelunking," which for the uninitiated means cave exploring.

IN MY deluded state, buoyed by the cold waters and delightful scenery, I imagined us entering a cave and emerging into the sunshine and the jeepney parked in Diura. And so I agreed to join the "spelunkers," while a "breakaway" group de-

cided to simply retrace our steps back to where we came from.

It was a relatively easy climb down to the beach, until we reached an opening in the rocks that was, incredibly, the entrance to the cave. As we clambered up the crags and boulders, I asked Mandy if "this was the hardest part." I should have known by her noncommittal grunts that we were up for even harsher punishment.

I must confess at this point that I couldn't have made it through the treacherous pass were it not for our guides Roger and Ariel, who at crucial points resorted to bodily carrying me across crevices and difficult descents. I was also lucky to be in the company of Rey and Myrna Adriano, a retired chemical engineer and retired magazine editor and interior designer. Rey, because he provided guidance and support when the guides weren't around and I began to slip and slide; and Myrna because even at age 71, she negotiated the rocks and passages nimbly. "If a 71-year-old can do it, then you can do it!" I told myself, gritting my teeth and pushing on.

THE INCREDIBLE part of this (mis)adventure was, after we reached the beach and had posed for a "victory" shot, we were told that because of the high tide, we couldn't use the water route and instead would have to climb up the mountainside again. When we reached the jeepney, our group mates said they saw the route we would have to pass through, and Fr. Oscar Andrada, a parish priest from Iloilo, suggested they pray the Rosary for our safety. If we had even thought of praying, I told them, we would have prayed the Act of Contrition!

Mandy later consoled me with the thought that, at least, I had braved my own cowardice and unfit state and had proven to myself that I had reserves of strength and will I wasn't aware of.

Later that night, as everybody laughed at shots of me in the arms of the burly Roger carrying me down the mountain, I comforted myself with the thought that however embarrassing that ordeal had been, at least I got down the mountain alive!

Wages of distrust

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David



on the chronic fear of swindlers and cheats. We would be bogged down in petty detective work. We have no choice but to trust that the world is generally what we think it is, and that people are more or less what they present themselves to be.

But trust grows only where violations and deviations—when discovered—are quickly and uncompromisingly dealt with. That's how norms are built, and how people learn to trust the system and follow the law. Distrust festers when some people are perceived to be beyond the reach of the law because of their power. Unchecked, it spreads to every institution of society, rendering collective life untenable. Obviously, this is what happens when citizens intensely distrust their government, yet cannot rely on the normal political process to dislodge its occupants.

On election day, I accompanied a small group of foreign observers and local media to various schools in Pampanga where the voting precincts were located. I noticed that in almost every precinct we visited, the reading of the ballots proceeded rather smoothly. I was surprised to see that in most of these precincts, there were no watchers peering over the shoulders of the teachers. Many of the so-called poll watchers were doing their own tallies as the votes were being read by the teachers. That, to me, is trust. And it is obvious that our defective electoral system has managed to function all this time by riding piggyback on the credibility of public school teachers.

In contrast, at the municipal and provincial level, where much of the fraud was expected, the can-

vassing of Pampanga's votes proceeded at a snail's pace. Having heard how *dagdag-bawas* (vote-padding and -shaving) massively corrupted the results in the 2004 presidential election, lawyers representing the candidates found it necessary to scrutinize every document presented. At the same time, supporters of major candidates mounted day-and-night vigils to protect the integrity of the count, even as some presumptuous candidates proclaimed themselves winners before the first return had even been canvassed. In the presence of impatient crowds, election officials understandably felt vulnerable when security forces were not around.

At one point of the municipal canvass in Porac, one of the election returns submitted for canvassing was found to be the copy meant for the dominant minority party. The document caused quite a stir before it was set aside. The switch could have been an honest mistake, and not a sly attempt to rig the process. But in the current poisoned climate of Pampanga politics, this small event was enough to trigger heightened vigilance to the point of paranoia. This atmosphere is typical for the rest of the country.

Political trust was at its lowest in 2005, after the discovery of the "Hello Garci" tapes. Nothing has been done to lift the distrust that has since shrouded our political system. But there are at least three significant steps that could be taken in this direction. First, the administration restrains its operators from further fiddling with the May 2007 election returns. Second, the present Comelec commissioners immediately resign their posts, and, in their place, the President appoints individuals of proven integrity and capability. And lastly, Ms Arroyo affirms a previous statement she made years back in a moment of candor—that her presidency has brought so much divisiveness to the nation's life, and pledges to completely withdraw from public life at the end of her term in 2010, or sooner.

Comments to public.lives@gmail.com

TALK of the TOWN

UN lists steps to mitigate climate change

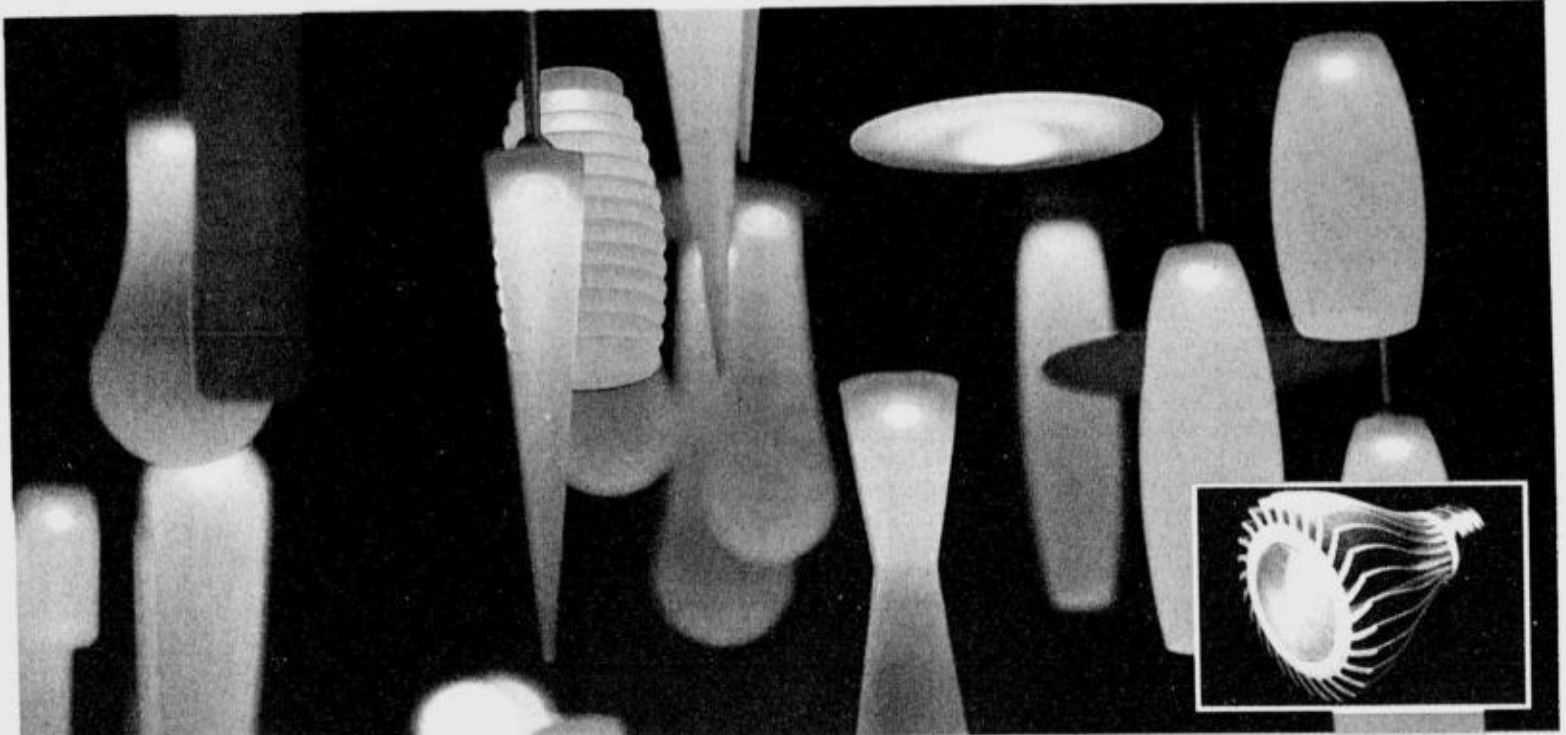
AT A RELATIVELY LOW COST, THE WORLD CAN CURB GLOBAL warming over the next decades using known technologies, according to a report that the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released on May 4 in Bangkok.

The new report said reducing greenhouse-gas emissions enough to avoid the worst consequences of global warming could cut projected global economic output in 2030 by up to 3 percent.

To cushion the impact of climate change, the report identified measures that people, industries and countries could adopt such as lifestyle change, energy-efficient appliances, cars and buildings, urban planning that reduces the demand for travel, and renewable energy.

It was the third report that the international panel of scientists released this year. In February, the first report said that global warming was "very likely" caused by mankind. Last month, the second report warned of famine, rising sea levels, floods, severe storms and drought unless emissions were reduced.

Below are excerpts from the IPCC report "Climate Change 2007: Mitigation of Climate Change" (summary for policymakers).



COLORED lamps, illuminated by light-emitting diodes (LEDs), are displayed at a trade show on May 8 in New York. The light bulb doesn't look like a great idea anymore as lawmakers in the US and other countries talk about banning it because of its contribution to global warming. Compact fluorescent lamps are the only real alternative right now, but "bulbs" that use LEDs (inset) are emerging as a challenger.

Table 2: Policies and measures shown to be environmentally effective in a number of national cases

Sector	Policies, measures and instruments	Key constraints or opportunities
Energy supply	- Reduction of fossil fuel subsidies - Taxes or carbon charges on fossil fuels - Feed-in tariffs for renewable energy technologies - Renewable energy obligations - Producer subsidies	- Resistance by vested interests may make them difficult to implement - May be appropriate to create markets for low emissions technologies
Transport	- Mandatory fuel economy, biofuel blending and CO2 standards for road transport - Taxes on vehicle purchase, registration, use and motor fuels, road and parking pricing - Influence mobility needs through land use regulations and infrastructure planning - Investment in attractive public transport facilities and non-motorized forms of transport - Appliance standards and labelling - Building codes and certification - Demand-side management programs	- Partial coverage of vehicle fleet may limit effectiveness - Effectiveness may drop with higher incomes - Particularly appropriate for countries that are building up their transportation systems
Buildings	- Public sector leadership programs, including procurement	- Periodic revision of standards needed - Attractive for new buildings. Enforcement can be difficult - Need for regulations so that utilities may profit - Government purchasing can expand demand for energy-efficient products - May be appropriate to stimulate technology uptake. Stability of national policy important in view of international competitiveness - Predictable allocation mechanisms and stable price signals important for investments
Industry	- Provision of benchmark information; performance standards; subsidies, tax credits; tradable permits; and, voluntary agreements	- Success factors include: clear targets, baseline scenario, third party involvement in design and review and formal provisions of monitoring, close cooperation between government and industry. - May encourage synergy with sustainable development and with reducing vulnerability to climate change, thereby overcoming barriers to implementation - Constraints include lack of investment capital and land tenure issues. Can help poverty alleviation.
Agriculture	- Financial incentives and regulations for improved land management, maintaining soil carbon content, efficient use of fertilizer and irrigation	- May stimulate technology diffusion - Local availability of low-cost fuel - Most effectively applied at national level with enforcement strategies
Forests	- Financial incentives (national and international) to increase forest area, to reduce deforestation, and to maintain and manage forests - Land use regulation and enforcement	
Waste management	- Financial incentives for improved waste and wastewater management - Renewable energy incentives or obligations - Waste management regulations	

Kids gather in India May 10 to seek a ban on light bulbs and replace them with compact fluorescent lamps.

proved fuel efficiency, which can be achieved through a variety of means, including technology, operations and air traffic management. However, such improvements are expected to only partially offset the growth of aviation emissions. Total mitigation potential in the sector would also need to account for non-CO2 climate impact of aviation emissions.

Realizing emissions reductions in the transport sector is often a co-benefit of addressing traffic congestion, air quality and energy security.

Buildings

Energy efficiency options for new and existing buildings could considerably reduce CO2 emissions with net economic benefit. Many barriers exist against tapping this potential, but there are also large co-benefits (high agreement, much evidence).

By 2030, about 30 percent of the projected GHG emissions in the building sector can be avoided with net economic benefit.

Energy efficient buildings, while limiting the growth of CO2 emissions, can also improve indoor and outdoor air quality, improve social welfare and enhance energy security.

Opportunities for realizing GHG reductions in the building sector exist worldwide. However, multiple barriers make it difficult to realize this potential. These barriers include availability of technology, financing, poverty, higher costs of reliable information, limitations inherent in building designs and an appropriate portfolio of policies and programs.

The magnitude of the above barriers is higher in the developing countries and this makes it more difficult for them to achieve the GHG reduction potential of the

building sector.

The economic potential in the industrial sector is predominantly located in energy intensive industries. Full use of available mitigation options is not being made in either industrialized or developing nations (high agreement, much evidence).

Many industrial facilities in developing countries are new and include the latest technology with the lowest specific emissions. However, many older, inefficient facilities remain in both industrialized and developing countries. Upgrading these facilities can deliver significant emission reductions.

The slow rate of capital stock turnover, lack of financial and technical resources, and limitations in the ability of firms, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, to access and absorb technological information are key barriers to full use of available mitigation options.

Agricultural practices

Agricultural practices collectively can make a significant contribution at low cost to increasing soil carbon sinks, to GHG emission reductions, and by contributing biomass feedstocks for energy use (medium agreement, medium evidence).

A large proportion of the mitigation potential of agriculture (excluding bioenergy) arises from soil carbon sequestration, which has strong synergy with sustainable agriculture and generally reduces vulnerability to climate change.

Stored soil carbon may be vulnerable to loss through both land management change and climate change.

Considerable mitigation potential is also available from reductions in methane and nitrous oxide emissions in some agricultural systems.

CHANGES IN LIFESTYLE and behavior can contribute to climate change mitigation across all sectors. Management practices can also have a positive role. (high agreement, medium evidence)

Lifestyle changes can reduce greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions. Changes in lifestyles and consumption patterns that emphasize resource conservation can contribute to developing a low-carbon economy that is both equitable and sustainable.

Education and training programs can help overcome barriers to the market acceptance of energy efficiency, particularly in combination with other measures.

Changes in occupant behavior, cultural patterns and consumer choice and use of technologies can result in considerable reduction in CO2 emissions related to energy use in buildings.

Transport demand management, which includes urban planning (that can reduce the demand for travel) and provision of information and educational techniques (that can reduce car usage and lead to an efficient driving style) can support GHG mitigation.

In industry, management tools that include staff training, reward systems, regular feedback, documentation of existing practices can help overcome industrial organization barriers, reduce energy use, and GHG emissions.

Health benefits

While studies use different methodologies, in all analyzed world regions near-term health co-benefits from reduced air pollution as a result of actions to reduce GHG emissions can be substantial and may offset a substantial fraction of mitigation costs (high agreement, much evidence).

Including co-benefits other than health, such as increased energy security, and increased agricultural production and reduced pressure on natural ecosystems, due to decreased tropospheric ozone concentrations, would further enhance cost savings.

Integrating air pollution abatement and climate change mitigation policies offers potentially large cost reductions compared with treating those policies in isolation.

New energy infrastructure investments in developing countries, upgrades of energy infrastructure in industrialized countries, and policies that promote energy security, can, in many cases, create op-

portunities to achieve GHG emission reductions compared with baseline scenarios. Additional co-benefits are country specific but often include air pollution abatement, balance of trade improvement, provision of modern energy services to rural areas and employment (high agreement, much evidence).

Future energy infrastructure investment decisions, expected to total over \$20 trillion between now and 2030, will have long-term impact on GHG emissions because of the long lifetimes of energy plants and other infrastructure capital stock.

The widespread diffusion of low-carbon technologies may take many decades, even if early investments in these technologies are made attractive. Initial estimates show that returning global energy-related CO2 emissions to 2005 levels by 2030 would require a large shift in the pattern of investment, although the net additional investment required ranges from negligible to 5-10 percent.

It is often more cost-effective to invest in end-use energy efficiency improvement than in increasing energy supply to satisfy demand for energy services. Efficiency improvement has a positive effect on energy security, local and regional air pollution abatement, and employment.

Renewable energy

Renewable energy generally has a positive effect on energy security, employment and air quality. Given costs relative to other supply options, renewable electricity, which accounted for 18 percent of the electricity supply in 2005, can have a 30-35 percent share of the total electricity supply in 2030 at carbon prices up to \$50/tCO2-eq.

The higher the market prices of fossil fuels, the more low-carbon alternatives will be competitive, although price volatility will be a disincentive for investors. Higher priced conventional oil resources, on the other hand, may be replaced by high carbon alternatives such as from oil sands, oil shales, heavy oils, and synthetic fuels from coal and gas, leading to increasing GHG emissions, unless production plants are equipped with CO2 capture and storage (CCS).

Given costs relative to other supply options, nuclear power, which accounted for 16 percent of the electricity supply in 2005, can have an 18-percent share of the total electricity supply in 2030 at carbon prices up to \$50/tCO2-eq, but

Table 1: Key mitigation technologies and practices by sector

Currently available commercially	Projected to be commercialized before 2030
Energy supply. Improved supply and distribution efficiency; fuel switching from coal to gas; nuclear power; renewable heat and power (hydropower, solar, wind, geothermal and bioenergy); combined heat and power; early applications of CCS (e.g. storage of removed CO2 from natural gas) Transport. More fuel efficient vehicles; hybrid vehicles; cleaner diesel vehicles; biofuels; modal shifts from road transport to rail and public transport systems; non-motorized transport (cycling, walking); land-use and transport planning Buildings. Efficient lighting and daylighting; more efficient electrical appliances and heating and cooling devices; improved stoves, improved insulation; passive and active solar design for heating and cooling; alternative refrigeration fluids, recovery and recycle of fluorinated gases Industry. More efficient end-use electrical equipment; heat and power recovery; material recycling and substitution; control of non-CO2 gas emissions; and a wide array of process-specific technologies Agriculture. Improved crop and grazing land management to increase soil carbon storage; restoration of cultivated peaty soils and degraded lands; improved rice cultivation techniques and livestock and manure management to reduce CH4 emissions; improved nitrogen fertilizer application techniques to reduce N2O emissions; dedicated energy crops to replace fossil fuel use; improved energy efficiency Forests. Afforestation; reforestation; forest management; reduced deforestation; harvested wood product management; use of forestry products for bioenergy to replace fossil fuel use Waste. Landfill methane recovery; waste incineration with energy recovery; composting of organic waste; controlled waste water treatment; recycling and waste minimization	Carbon capture and storage (CCS) for gas, biomass and coal-fired electricity generating facilities; advanced nuclear power; advanced renewable energy, including tidal and wave energy, concentrating solar, and solar PV. Second generation biofuels; higher efficiency aircraft; advanced electric and hybrid vehicles with more powerful and reliable batteries Integrated design of commercial buildings, including technologies such as intelligent meters that provide feedback and control; solar PV integrated in buildings Advanced energy efficiency; CCS for cement, ammonia, and iron manufacture; inert electrodes for aluminium manufacture Improvement in crop yields Tree species improvement to increase biomass productivity and carbon sequestration. Improved remote sensing technologies for analysis of vegetation/soil carbon sequestration potential and mapping land use change Biocovers and biofilters to optimize CH4 oxidation

NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074)443-9255
Fax No. (074)443-8971
E-mail: lnq_baguio@inquirer.com.ph

SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU
2nd Floor, Los Baños Bldg.
Cor. Palaranda and Aguinaldo Sts.
Legazpi City
Tel/Fax No. (052) 480-4182
E-mail: lnq_bicol@inquirer.com.ph

E-mail: pr_provincial_news@inquirer.com.phWebsite: www.inquirer.net/regions

Across the **NATION**

Text us your feedback: inquirer.atn.name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

VISAYAS BUREAU
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: lnq_cebu@inquirer.com.ph

MINDANAO BUREAU
FEP Printing Corp. Bldg.
Ma-a Road, Davao City
Tel. No. (082)244-1770 to 71
Fax No. (082)244-1771
E-mail: lnq_davao@inquirer.com.ph

'Jihad' called to stop election cheats

MARAWI CITY—ACTIVISTS IN LANA DEL SUR have called for a "jihad" (holy war) against electoral fraud in the face of the continuing refusal by officials of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to hand over the sixth copy of election returns (ERs) from precincts to the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel).

This developed as candidates who felt cheated during the May 14 mid-term polls, are joining election monitors in rising up against the Comelec.

Hadj Abdullah Dalidig, provincial chair of Namfrel in Lanao del Sur, said there was a need to step up moves to deter another repeat of the 2004 rigging operations of the province's poll turnout.

Dalidig also chairs the Islamic Movement for Electoral Reforms and Good Governance (IMERGG).

On Friday, Dalidig warned of the high possibility that rigging operations are already taking place, indicated by local Comelec official's defiant refusal to give Namfrel the ERs.

He said the fraud machinations being adopted now could possibly involve a re-working of the ERs.

In the face of this, Dalidig particularly urged leaders of the Islamic religious community and of traditional Moro society, to have their influence bear on Namfrel's effort to retrieve the ERs from the hands of local Comelec officials.

He reminded Moro leaders that this tussle with the Comelec is part of the struggle to elect leaders whom the people can

hold accountable in office.

He further explained that the unabated practice of electoral fraud, which has traditionally attended Lanao del Sur elections, has shamed the Maranao people in general.

"It is an insult to our Islamic religious values," he said.

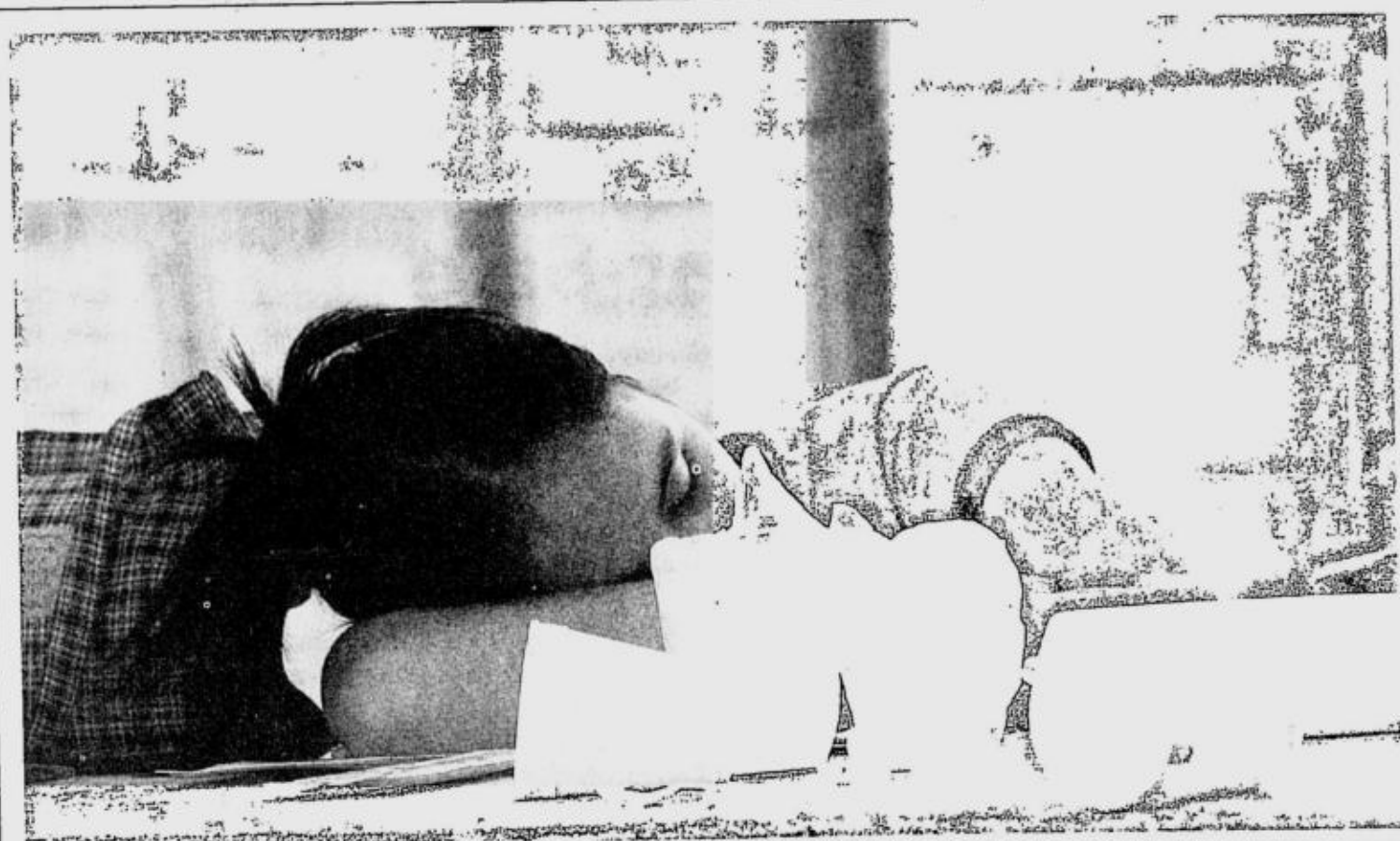
Retrieving the ERs is a very taxing task for a Namfrel volunteer, said Abdul Nasser Mangondaya, Namfrel provincial coordinator for Lanao del Sur.

Apart from seemingly playing hard ball with the Comelec, they were also in contention with a crack group of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) for actual physical control of the ERs.

Aside from not being the accredited citizens' arm for quick count operations, this group has ties with candidates. Nevertheless, many municipal election officers are inclined to hand over the ERs to them.

Last Friday, Namfrel was able to secure the release of the Madamba town ERs following the intercession of Abdulhalim Saumay, judge of the Shariah Court of neighboring Molundo town.

Dalidig hoped more influential leaders would come forward and



WASTED

A Comelec volunteer takes a nap after a whole day of work during the counting and canvassing of votes.

JOAN BONDOC

help Namfrel fulfill its mission.

Addressing Comelec officials, he declared: "I am firm in my cause against electoral fraud as I have done in 2004."

"I am not afraid of a face-off with Comelec officials who attempt to de-fang Namfrel as a cit-

izen's arm," added Dalidig, the principal whistle-blower of massive fraud committed in Lanao del Sur to make Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo president in 2004.

Based on Namfrel's examination of some 153 Marawi ERs in their possession, Dalidig pointed

to a number of discrepancies. Major observations include cases of total votes exceeding total voters in a precinct, ERs that appeared to be home-worked, and uniform tallies for candidates.

In two other precincts, tallies for candidates are the same, "which

can indicate only one individual is doing the voting," said Dalidig.

Not only are election monitors rising up against the Comelec, candidates who felt cheated are now coming forward and pursuing legal action. *Ryan D. Rosaura, Inquirer Mindanao*

E. Samar gives top 5 in Senate race to GO Bacoor poll failure sought in petition

By Joey A. Gabieta, Diosa Labiste and Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—KEY VISAYAS provinces delivered the top slots in the Senate race to the opposition as Leyte Gov. Carlos Jericho Petilla said he respects the decision of his province's more than 900,000 voters to give most of their votes to candidates of the Genuine Opposition.

"The people have already spoken. We have to respect them. What was important was that the result of the elections showed the real sentiment of the people and there was no effort to thwart their will..." Petilla, who dropped from the senatorial race under Team Unity ticket to seek reelection, told the INQUIRER.

Based on the official tabulation of the Commission on Elections-Leyte, six candidates from the opposition landed in the Magic 12 while only five from the administration-backed Team Unity made it. Sen. Francis Pangilinan took the other spot.

Loren Legarda topped the race in the province by garnering 325,040 votes, followed closely by another GO member, Rep. Francis Joseph Escudero who received 312,314 votes.

GO's Manuel Villar (271, 440 votes) and Panfilo Lacson (257,810 votes) were on 3rd and 4th while Benigno Aquino (241,851 votes), and Aquilino Pimentel (211,586 votes) ranked 8th and 12th. Pangilinan was ranked number five with total



AN ELECTION official takes time to finish the counting of election returns as poll watchers observed the canvassing at the Iloilo Social Hall in Iloilo City.

ARNOLD ALMACEN/INQUIRER VISAYAS

votes of 250,117.

Sen. Edgardo Angara garnered the highest votes among TU candidates with 248,904 votes, making him number six.

TU candidates Joker Arroyo (225,510 votes), Ralph Recto (224,037 votes) and actor Cesar Montano (221,010 votes) occupied the 9th to 11th places.

It was Montano who replaced Governor Petilla who withdrew from the race and decided to run for his second term.

In Eastern Samar, the first five places were occupied by GO with candidates of TU getting the seventh up to the last ranking.

The first to fifth position went to Legarda (89,517 votes), Es-

cuero (82,310), Lacson (67,214 votes), Villar (65,938), and Aquino (60,012).

Pangilinan (59,493) ranked number six. TU candidates Montano, 58,027; Recto, 54,625; Arroyo, 53,966; Defensor, 52,966 and Angara, 52,860 occupied the rest of the slots.

In Iloilo, the GO senatorial candidates continue to dominate the top 15 slots in the senatorial race as Namfrel Iloilo prepares to wrap up its quick count today.

Eight GO bets landed on the top 15 slots, with Villar and Legarda clinching the first and second slots as of 8:15 p.m., May 18. Other opposition candidates who made it are Escudero, Aquino, Lacson, Cayetano, Antonio Trillanes and Pimentel.

Among the TU candidates who landed on the top 15 in Namfrel's count were Mike Defensor, Edgardo Angara, Joker Arroyo and Miguel Zubiri.

Kiko Pangilinan, who ran independent, continues to have a strong showing in third place.

In Negros Occidental, the Comelec tally in the 31 towns and cities, except for Bacolod City, showed six GO senatorial bets in the top 12 slots, with five TU and one independent candidates.

The six GO candidates include Legarda (1st), Escudero (3rd), Aquino (4th), Villar (7th), Lacson (11th) and Pimentel (12th). The TU candidates on the top 12 were Zubiri (2nd), Angara (6th), Defensor (8th), Arroyo (9th) and Recto (10th). Pangilinan was in fifth place.

BACOR, CAVITE—MAYORAL candidate Minerva Castillo officially filed a petition for a declaration of failure of elections in Bacoar at the Commission on Elections, citing among other reasons the alleged buying of votes by candidates in the province for P500 per vote.

In her five-page petition dated May 18, 2007, Castillo accused Strike Revilla of employing "massive fraud and terrorism" to ensure his victory.

Castillo, the wife of outgoing Mayor Jessie Castillo, said Revilla used armed goons and unscrupulous members of the Cavite police to harass her followers and eventually prevent them from casting their votes.

She said this was the reason there was a low turnout of votes in the municipality.

"(C)onsistent with the well-entrenched doctrines in election laws, codal provisions of the Omnibus Election Code violated, and the interest of the electorates (of Bacoar); it is just and proper that a failure of elections be declared by this commission," Castillo said in her petition.

She likewise asked the Comelec to declare the canvassing of votes in Bacoar as well as the proclamation of Revilla null and void.

In a statement, incumbent Mayor Jessie Castillo, who is running for congressman, accused the Revilla camp of massive vote-buying.

Castillo said it was the Revilla camp that also sent hundreds of soldiers and policemen to houses of its rivals' supporters to prevent them from going out to vote.

Quoting witnesses, Castillo said the Revillas distributed P500 to buy votes and set up "vote-buying booths" in polling precincts.

"The massive vote-buying was out in the open and witnessed by the people of Bacoar," said Castillo in his statement.

Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. has not answered calls to his phone.

According to Castillo, the armed men who guarded these vote-buying booths were known policemen and bodyguards of the Revillas.

"The widespread vote-buying and intimidation and harassment of Senator Revilla and his armed escorts and his intervention in the process of the counting, together with the forceful confiscation of ballot boxes, are more than enough reasons to declare a failure of elections in Bacoar," the mayor said.

"The systematic intimidation and harassment employed by the Revilla camp using elements of the provincial PNP resulted in the low turnout of voters," he said.

The turnout in Bacoar, which has about 230,000 voters was just 38 percent. In the 2004 elections, at least 59 percent of Bacoar's voters cast their ballots. *Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

Comelec proclaims winners in South Luzon provinces

AMID SLOW COUNT IN OTHER areas, the Commission on Elections proclaimed more winners in Southern Luzon.

In Laguna, newly elected representatives Justin Mark Chipoco (2nd district), Ma. Evita Arago (3rd district), and Edgar San Luis (4th district) have been proclaimed by the Comelec.

In Quezon province, Ramon Talaga was reelected mayor of Lucena City with 40,945 votes over his rival, former Lucena City mayor Rodrick Alcala, who got 27,924 votes.

In Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro, after losing his gubernatorial bid, Fr. Ronilo Omanio said he was bent on returning to priesthood if allowed.

Cavite race

In Cavite, winning candidates

in all the local positions in the 20 towns and three cities have been proclaimed in their respective areas, the Comelec provincial official said Saturday.

Juanito Ravanzo said they started the proclamation of winners in the mayoral races and other local elective posts since Thursday.

He said the Comelec has yet to announce the winners in the congressional contest in the first and second districts.

"We expect to finish the canvassing for the provincial position this afternoon. Maybe we can do the proclamation for governor before the day ends," Ravanzo told the INQUIRER.

Reelectionist Rep. Jesus Crispin Remulla won his second term beating his closest rival

Manny de Castro, former under-secretary of the Presidential Management Staff.

He was proclaimed Friday night at the provincial capitol in Trece Martires City.

But Crispin's younger brother, opposition stalwart Rep. Gilbert Remulla, was trailing his opponent in the second congressional district of the province.

Camarines Sur

In Camarines Sur, incumbent Gov. Luis Raymund Villafuerte Jr. won over opponent Eduardo Pilapil, who was fielded by his father, Rep. Luis R. Villafuerte.

Governor Villafuerte, of the Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats, is now on his second term in office. He was proclaimed

Friday by the Commission on Elections.

He had a lead of 206,452 votes over Pilapil.

In Catanduanes, Rep Joseph A. Santiago (Nationalist People's Coalition) won his third term following the Provincial Board of Canvassers' proclamation of local winners yesterday at the provincial capitol.

In the gubernatorial race, independent candidate Joseph C. Cua pulled off a shocker, upsetting incumbent Gov. Leandro B. Verceles Jr. (Lakas). Cua had 52,356 votes to the governor's 46,272. *Juan Escandor Jr., Romulo Ponte, Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Madonna T. Virola, Marlon Ramos, Bobby Q. Labalan, Fernan Gianan, Inquirer Southern Luzon*



OUTAGES failed to stop some election officers from performing their duties in Sorsogon.

NINO JESUS ORBETA/INQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON

INQUIRER *Mindanao*

This Lanao town needed a coffee break

CEBU PACIFIC AIR.COM

Domestic Seat Sale

P1

Sale period: May 17 to 22, 2007 or until sold out!
Travel period: July 16 to December 15, 2007
Promo is non-refundable.

LOWEST YEAR-ROUND GO FARES

P1,499 Manila - Kuala Lumpur

P1,999 Manila - Taipei NEW!
Cebu - Hong Kong
Manila - Hong Kong

P2,499 Cebu - Singapore
Davao - Hong Kong (via Cebu)
Manila - Singapore

P2,999 Davao - Singapore (via Cebu)
Manila - Bangkok or Jakarta (non-stop)

MOST DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS MOST DOMESTIC FLIGHTS
MOST DOMESTIC ROUTES NEWEST PLANES

Call (02) 70-20-888

or visit the Travel Agent nearest you.

One way fares/vice versa • Limited seats • Fares may not be available on all days and flights • Fares are exclusive of applicable taxes, fees and surcharges (ranging from P650 to P1,800 depending on destination). Promo is non-refundable.

CEBU PACIFIC
It's time everyone flies.

By Germelina Lacorte
Wao, Lanao del Sur

JUST WHAT THIS TOWN NEEDED to defuse the rising tension between political rivals after Monday's elections—a coffee break.

People were alarmed Tuesday when Alexis Pablico, 38, a mayoral candidate, went to the municipal hall of Wao, Lanao del Sur, to invite incumbent Mayor Elvino Balicao Sr., the father of his opponent, for a cup of coffee. Tempers had been running high and violence had threatened to erupt among supporters of Pablico, a third-term vice mayor, and of Elvino Balicao Jr.

But when the older Balicao came out to welcome his former ally, everyone heaved a sigh of relief.

"We've been through all those bloody fighting. We don't want them to happen again," said Tom Carumba, community relations officer of Chiquita Unifruiti Philippines, who persuaded Pablico, his cousin, to make up with Balicao.

"We want peace to reign, we don't want blood to flow."

Investment area

A third candidate, Ben Pangkatan, a Maranao, was reportedly winning in the predominantly Muslim barangays of Bulatin, Panang, Mimbunya, Pilintangan and the Muslim Village.

Carumba said it was only by keeping the climate of peace that a small town like Wao could keep attracting big companies.

Wao is host to a multimillion-peso investment of Unifruiti-Chiquita, which recently put up a 1,000-hectare plantation of pineapples for export to Japan, Korea and the Middle East. It has 24,000 voters.

The town's bloody history of fighting goes as far back as 1972, when the paramilitary group Ilaga and the Muslim Blackshirts were active. Violence among armed political clans had always threatened to break out to this day, Carumba said.

"We want to calm down members of the family who have these tendencies because when violence starts, there's a danger for it to [go overboard]. Everything will break loose," said Carumba, who lost to Pablico in the 2001 vice mayoral contest.

Third-term Councilor Mary Ruth Catalan,

who is running for vice mayor, said residents heard gunfire on Monday night while the ballots were being counted. The shooting happened somewhere in the flea market.

"No one got hurt because most of the people were in the counting area," Catalan said.

"Another burst of gunfire erupted late in the night, this time coming from an M-79 and lasted several seconds," she added.

"We wanted the Commission on Elections to declare our area among those areas of immediate concern. We would have wanted the counting to be held in Marawi City, but the election officer in the area said the burst of gunfire was not ground enough to centralize the counting of ballots," Catalan said.

Even with the reconciliation of the two dominant political clans, she said, the threats continued to exist.

She noted a number of lawyers watching the canvassing of votes and the possibilities of legal protests.

Reconciliation

"It was just a gesture of reconciliation," said Pablico of the coffee invitation. But he was not yet conceding defeat to Balicao. "It was just to tell him, we are getting back to work."

On Thursday, ballots from 56 of the 104 voting precincts were already counted. Pablico said he still had a chance to catch up with Balicao Jr.

She said the counting had been very slow because of frequent complaints and protests of some lawyers about tampered ballots and the composition of the municipal board of canvassers.

Reports of rampant vote-buying in Wao had earlier reached the nationwide election watch group Kontra Daya.

"Vote buying is already normal here," said Catalan.

Carumba said it was only up to the candidates to say how much they were willing to spend during the elections.

"We call it 'poverty alleviation,'" he said, "because that's the only time when people get a taste of money coming from their political leaders."

But he said everyone wanted some kind of healing after the highly divisive political exercise.

"It's no longer important who will win as long as relationships heal and everyone can sleep peacefully. Even our Muslim brothers want peace," he said.

WORKERS from the Davao City Environment and Natural Resources Office get rid of election campaign materials from the city's streets.

BING GONZALES



Bets asked: Clean up your mess

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Davao City

BEHIND EVERY poster bearing the faces of candidates, is the bleeding environment, an environmental group said.

Maria Josephine Quianzon, vice chairperson of the environmental group Panaghoy sa Kinaiyahan-Coalition for Mother Earth (Panaghoy), said the candidates failed to raise their campaign into a level that is friendly both to the people and the environment.

"We saw how they invested millions of pesos just for their posters and handbills. The mass production of these materials was already alarming for the environmentalists because we know that it meant environmental destruction," Quianzon said.

Now that the election is almost over, she said they were dismayed at what the country has become because of the elections: "A huge garbage bin."

With this, she said, candidates must not only clean up their mess, those elected must make up for the damage that they caused the environment, for all the plastic posters, papers and gasoline that they used during the campaign, by pushing for environmental legislation and programs during their term.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources reported in 2002 that the country's forest areas have been reduced from 21 million hectares in 1990 to six million in 1996.

"We are saddened and at the same time dismayed by what we now see around us. Tons and tons of election paraphernalia are left in the open to rot or to clog the already problematic drainage systems," Quianzon said.

"Many years ago, it was said that a ton of a recycled paper will save at least 17 trees and the figures are changing. But the issue here is that the environment is being hurt badly by the desire of politicians to be put to office," she said.

She also criticized the candidates' use of plastic posters that do not decompose.

Quianzon said that nailing of campaign materials on trees inflict injury to the trees, which could eventually cause its death.

The country's fair elections act prohibits posting of election materials on trees and on areas outside the designated common posters area. However, as the campaign period intensified, this was defied by the candidates who allowed their materials to be posted on trees, electric posts, and public structures.

A Davao-based coalition of various environmental people's organizations and nongovernment organizations, Panaghoy has been fighting against oppressive developments like mining, genetically modified organisms, monoculture form of agriculture, among others.

Two of its advocacies are the protection of the watersheds of Davao and the promotion of organic agriculture.

WATERFRONT
HOTELS & CASINOS

Congratulates!!



Mayor 'WIN' GATCHALIAN
Valenzuela City



Congressman 'REX' GATCHALIAN
Valenzuela City
1st District



FERTILITY RITES

Devotees dance their hearts out in the streets as they participate in the Kasilonawan sa Obando, Bulacan 2007 Fertility Festival.

EDWIN BACASMAS

'Garci' tactics seen in Cavite poll count

IMUS, CAVITE—A REELECTION-ist opposition Cavite lawmaker, who figured prominently in the House proceedings on the infamous "Hello Garci" recordings, on Friday claimed he has become a victim of "Garci-like" irregularities in the canvassing of votes in his district.

Cavite First District Rep. Gilbert Remulla said he received reports that his votes canvassed in Dasmariñas town were intentionally reduced in favor of his opponent, former Dasmariñas Mayor Pidi Barzaga.

Both congressional candidates claimed they were leading in their separate quick counts.

Remulla said his poll watchers informed him that the vote-shaving incidents occurred during the municipal canvassing in Dasmariñas.

He claimed cheating was very glaring in at least two barangays in the town.

Aside from *dagdag-bawas* (vote-padding and -shaving) and vote-buying by his opponent, Remulla said 11 elections returns were missing from the 11

precincts in Barangay Salawag in Dasmariñas.

There are at least 2,000 votes cast from these precincts, he said.

"Right now, we're looking for legal remedies to solve this," Remulla told the *Inquirer* in an interview.

"Sadly, I've become a victim of 'Garci' tactics."

He said in precinct 675-A in Barangay San Antonio de Padua, his total votes were decreased from 38 to 23 while Barzaga's 83 votes increased to 110.

In two other precincts, he said his votes were shaved by 47.

Remulla quickly pointed to Malacañang as behind the efforts to ensure his defeat and deny him a seat in the 14th Congress.

"As far as I'm concerned, we had clean and honest elections in Dasmariñas and the whole second district. You better ask Gilbert who among us engaged in vote-buying because I have evidence in my possession," said Barzaga, a candidate of President Macapagal-Arroyo's party Kampi. *Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

Move to favor Abalos son-in-law slammed

LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA—THE mayoral candidate of Biñan, Laguna who is leading, according to the partial count of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), will file a petition with the Commission on Elections to lift its order suspending the canvassing in the municipality.

Marlyn Alonte said cheating was very likely to occur if the canvassing was further delayed.

Alonte is running against Jose Ruben Yatco, son-in-law of Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr.

The PPCRV count on Friday, before the Comelec stopped the canvass, showed Alonte with 29,781 votes, leading Yatco with 23,404 votes.

If there would be no immediate action from the Comelec, she said, she would appeal to the Supreme Court to lift the suspension.

Alonte said in a phone interview that the Comelec order was invalid and the statement of failure of election here was based on false information.

She said the voters' turnout in the town was 70 percent based in their quick count, and not less than 50 percent, as claimed by Yatco.

On Friday, the Comelec issued an order suspending the canvassing after the petition filed by Yatco, saying the elections in

Biñan was a failure.

Alonte said the order was railroaded to favor Yatco because Yatco was son-in-law of Abalos.

"The petition was filed on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the Comelec had a decision on the same night. They (Comelec) also did not have the time to give us notice about the petition. It was a really shameful move of the Comelec," she added.

A vigil and mobilization of Alonte's supporters were still ongoing yesterday since Friday.

Around 200 supporters were present in Saturday's vigil and more supporters were expected to join the protest rally in the evening wherein a program was being set.

Comelec provincial director lawyer Dioscoro Pahutan said they could not yet ascertain whether they would grant Yatco's petition for a failure of election or not.

He said if the failure of election petition would be granted, a re-election would be set within a month.

The canvassing of votes for Laguna governor, vice governor and first district representative was suspended because of what happened in Biñan.

Although reelectionist Teresita Lazaro was leading by about 30,000 votes, their camp was still uncertain of winning because the

towns of Biñan and San Pedro have not yet submitted their certificates of canvass.

These towns were said to be vote-rich and considered as bailiwicks of her opponent Edwin Olivarez.

In Tanauan City in Batangas, seeing irregularities in the canvassing of votes, Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrat bet Alfredo Corona is planning to file a protest contesting the results of the city's mayoral race, his running mate Julius Platon II said.

"Right now, we feel sad and we are condemning the electoral fraud that took place, which affected Corona's candidacy. We have evidence of vote-buying and some witnesses are ready to execute their affidavit," Platon, an elected vice mayor, said.

Official Comelec results showed that Torres-Aquino of Kampi won the mayoral race with 29,807 votes compared with Corona's 28,742.

Although the vote counting had started in May 14, it took the city five days before proclaiming the winning candidates, which included Aquino.

The city's canvass reportedly delayed the proclamation of Lipa Mayor Vilma Santos-Recto as Batangas governor as the provincial canvassers decided to wait for the arrival of Tanauan's election returns.



HUNDREDS of supporters of Biñan, Laguna mayoralty bet Marlyn Alonte gather in front of the municipal hall, protesting the suspension of canvassing by the Comelec after PPCRV counting showed she was leading. Alonte is up against the son-in-law of Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr.

NIÑA CATHERINE CALLEJA/INQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON

Army assailed for false report on poll watchers

LEGAZPI CITY—MILITANTS BELIEVED yesterday the Armed Forces' claim that the two youths found dead in Capalonga, Camarines Norte on Wednesday were communist rebels or victims of "collateral damage," saying they were poll watchers of the Kabataan party-list group who were abducted and killed.

The military quickly claimed on Wednesday that the victims, identified as Roberto "Jun" Bagasbas, 20, of Barangay Uliapan, Jose Panganiban and Ronilo Vallevarre, 16, of Barangay Old Camp, Capalonga were killed in a "legitimate encounter" with the NPA.

However, Vince Casilihan, head of the Kontra Daya in Bicol, said it was impossible that they were killed as NPA rebels because they were not armed in the first place.

He said the victims were organizers of the Kabataan party-list group and volunteers to the Bicol Task Force Poll Watch (Kontra Daya).

They were reported to have been abducted by "uniformed armed men" on Tuesday while they were on their way home after they delivered food to Kabataan volunteers.

Gunshot wounds

Their bodies, with multiple gunshot wounds, were found Wednesday morning at an isolated place between Barangay Mataque and Catabaguan, some 15 km from the polling place at Barangay Old Camp, Capalonga.

Marites Lopez, Kabataan regional coordinator, said the two were last seen on Election Day and were still able to cast their votes, but on May 15 they were not able to report for their volunteer work.

The Kabataan party-list in Bicol condemned the killing in an indignation rally on Friday night in Albay and Camarines Norte and accused the military of perpetrating the abduction and the killings.

Maj. Ramon Rosario, 2nd Civil Relation Group commander, said on Thursday that the accusations were "baseless and fabricated" and challenged the youth party-list group to present evidence and file formal complaints.

Lopez also criticized police for failing to document the case.

INQUIRER tried to obtain investigation reports from Camp Gen. Simeon Ola on Friday and Saturday but authorities there said it had not yet received any reports from the Camarines Norte police.

No one answering

No one also answered the *Inquirer's* calls at the Camarines Norte Provincial Police Office.

Lopez said victory was now within the reach of the Kabataan party-list in Bicol and that they dedicated the win to Bagasbas and Vallevarre, who risked their lives just to protect the people's votes. *Ephraim Aguilar, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

AFP campaign vs militants seen in vote decline

LEGAZPI CITY—MILITANT party-list groups have observed a decline in their votes in Bicol, one of the regions that consistently gave them the highest number of votes in 2001 and 2004, blaming it on the Armed Forces' black propaganda and manipulation of results in vote-rich provinces.

Vince Casilihan, head of the newly formed Bicol Task Force Poll Watch (Kontra Daya), said the military had used its authority to warn teachers serving as election inspectors not to allow party-list groups' poll watchers to enter precincts.

"It is when irregularities arise, usually in areas where votes (of militant party-list groups) were biggest in 2004, like in the provinces of Sorsogon and Camarines Sur," he said.

In the 2001 elections, the Bicol region delivered more than 250,000 votes for Bayan Muna, which was enough to seat one nominee to the House of Representatives.

Progressive party-list groups Bayan Muna, Anakpawis, Gabriela, Anakbayan, Migrante, and Suara Bangsamoro got 216,000 votes from Bicolano voters.

Casilihan said that on Election Day, Bayan Muna poll watchers, despite being accredited by the Commission on Elections, were denied entry to precincts by the Board of Elections Inspectors in Barangay Pinaghaluban in Barcelona, Sorsogon.

He said the BEI quoted military officers as saying Bayan Muna and other militant party-list groups were communist fronts.

Casilihan added that even be-



THE BICOL Task Force Poll Watch, composed of members of different militant organizations, gather in a press conference in Legazpi City to show their stand for credible elections and declare war on election fraud and violence.

NIÑA CATHERINE CALLEJA/INQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON

fore election day, the military had been propagating posters containing the text: "Vote for Bayan Muna (and other party-list groups). From: The New People's Army."

Black propaganda

He claimed that at about 8 p.m. on May 13 in Naga City, armed men were seen placing campaign streamers for Bayan Muna, Anakpawis, and Gabriela having the CPP-NPA-NDF as signatories.

He said these men used vans without license plates and when apprehended by local authorities, they claimed to be "special operatives" from Camp Crame.

He added that sometimes the military would hire vendors and street children to spread these materials, which were also seen in Albay and Camarines Sur.

Casilihan said the village chiefs

in towns in Camarines Sur had also been met by the military, warning them that they would be the ones responsible if militant party-list groups got high number of votes.

He said there were "zero turnouts" for progressive party-list groups in some precincts in towns of Presentacion, Tigaon, Garchitorena and Sangay.

The Kontra Daya showed the *Inquirer* irregularities in the counting of votes not just of party-list groups but even of senatorial candidates.

Senatorial bets

In Barcelona, Sorsogon, (precinct Nos. 00015B and C and 00012B) the number of votes on the election returns contained only two votes for Alan Cayetano instead of 60 and only 59 for Francis Escudero instead of 138, Casilihan said.

He added that in Malinao, Albay, another case of possible fraud was observed by one of the lawyers of Kontra Daya at the municipal level.

Senatorial candidate Nikki Coseteng's number of votes was "1,947 in words but 9,547 in figures" as reflected in certificate of canvass, whose copies were unsigned by the chair of the Board of Canvassers.

Casilihan said had it not been noticed, following Comelec rules, the one written in words would prevail discounting around 8,000 votes for Coseteng.

In other documented cases furnished the *Inquirer*, votes for the militant party-list groups were either credited to other party-list groups, translated to "zero," in words or the figures were altered in the statement of votes compared to those in the tally sheets.

The Kontra Daya chapter in Batangas also questioned military participation in the elections.

The group said in a statement that elements from the 730th Combat Group of the Philippine Air Force were reportedly deployed in the polling precincts in the towns of Nasugbu and in Barangay San Diego, Lian, Batangas.

Also in the same district, Bayan Muna poll watchers in Barangay Wawa, Nasugbu complained that they were not able to perform their duties after they were barred from entering the polling precincts, also by the 730th Combat Group of the Philippine Air Force.

Nasugbu and Lian are both municipalities in the first district.

According to Jess Gili, convenor of the antifraud and electoral violence group Kontra Daya Southern Tagalog, "the presence

and evident interference of military elements in the electoral exercise in Batangas will render poll results fraudulent. Comelec rules prohibit the military from participating in any political activity."

He said similar cases were also documented in Laguna.

"In Sta. Rosa Elementary School, elements of the PNP were making rounds and tallying results inside the precincts. When Kontra Daya members questioned their presence, they claimed they were conducting their own quick count," he said.

Charges vs military

Gili said their group is also studying the possibility of filing cases not only against the military in Batangas but also against the Philippine National Police in Laguna.

"They should learn to keep out of polling places and keep their hands off this political exercise," he said.

However, the PAF dismissed Kontra Daya's allegations that members of the PAF's 730th combat group were deployed to the polling precincts in Barangay San Diego, Lian in Batangas.

Col. Manny Gonzales, group commander, said the PAF had been complying with rules of elections that they should be 50 meters away from the polling place.

"Perhaps, what the group saw were members of the Cagfu," he said in a phone interview.

He added that the group should not question the Cagfu's presence because they were legitimate voters and residents in the area. *Ephraim Aguilar and Niña Catherine Calleja, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

Old fiefdoms going as Valeras, Josons tumble

From page A1

on Friday after he received 59,557 votes against Valera's 37,424 votes. The votes tallied were from 26 of 27 towns.

The Commission on Elections declared Bersamin the winner as results from Tineg town—with 2,987 voters—would not change the outcome of the race.

The race between Gov. Vicente Valera—Mayor Valera's husband—and Lagayan Mayor Cecilia Luna in Abra's lone congressional district has yet to be decided pending the canvass of votes from Tineg.

A mere 737 votes separated Luna (33,374 votes) and Governor Valera (32,637 votes).

Bersamin, the governor-elect, said he won because of sympathy votes generated by the killing of his brother on Dec. 16 and by the people's rejection of the reign of the Valeras.

The slain brother, Abra Rep. Luis Bersamin Jr., and his police escort were gunned down by assassins in the church yard of Mt. Carmel Church.

Fight in San Carlos

A suspect claimed Governor

Valera was the mastermind of the attack but Valera denied involvement and he has not been charged in the killings.

In San Carlos City, Pangasinan, it was a sweet victory for the sons of slain Mayor Julian Resuello. They routed their opponents in the contests for mayor and vice mayor.

Mayor-elect Julier Resuello won by more than 20,000 votes over former Mayor Douglas Soriano, while his brother, Joseres, won by more than 18,000 over former Vice Mayor Larry Cagampan.

"He did not die in vain," Julier said of his father, who was shot to death on April 28 during the San Carlos annual fiesta celebration.

The slain mayor—who was completing his third term when he was killed—is to be buried today (Sunday).

Josons' rule ending?

For the first time since 1959, when then Mayor Eduardo Joson was elected governor of Nueva Ecija, Novo Ecijanos did not choose a Joson to lead them in the next three years.

The loss of Vice Gov. Mariano Cristino Joson—a son of Eduardo—to Rep. Aurelio Umali came as a shock to those who had been

watching political developments in the province controlled by the Josons for the last 48 years.

Vice Governor Joson's brother, outgoing Gov. Tomas Joson III, also lost in the mayoral race in Cabanatuan.

On many streamers in public places in Nueva Ecija before the elections, the words that greeted people were: "Nueva Ecija... lalaya ka na (Nueva Ecija... you will be free)."

The streamers, apparently put up by the Umali camp, referred to freedom from the rule of the Josons.

Other residents said the closeness of the Josons to President Macapagal-Arroyo might have worked against them.

Still, the Josons showed they had some clout.

Tomas III's eldest son, Edward Thomas, won as vice governor while Eduardo Nonato, Tomas III's brother and a former governor, was elected representative of the first district.

Eduardo Basilio Manuel Joson, a son of Mariano Cristino, was re-elected mayor of Quezon town.

Most members of the provincial board belong to the Bagong Lakas ng Nueva Ecija (Balane), a local political party founded by the Josons in 1987.

Three city mayors and at least 20 of the 27 elected town mayors in Nueva Ecija also belong to Balane.

In Tarlac, while lawyers of losing gubernatorial candidate Jose "Peping" Cojuangco Jr. pointed to massive electoral fraud as the reason for the victory of governor-elect Victor Yap, the Yap camp had a much simpler explanation: Hacienda Luisita.

"Right from the start of the campaign, we knew that (the handling by the management) of the workers' grievances at the vast sugarcane plantation would be a chink in the armor of the Peping side of the Cojuangco family," said Ben Gonzales, a former radio broadcaster assigned to oversee the Yaps' media campaign.

Yap was proclaimed the winner on Friday in the congressional race in the second district of Tarlac.

"We focused on the hacienda issue," said Gonzales.

Robredo rules in Naga

In Naga City, Camarines Sur, reelectionist Mayor Jesse Robredo and his city council slate under the opposition wing of the Liberal Party won an overwhelming victory against the ticket of Ms Ar-

royo's Kampi party.

Robredo frustrated for the second time the political ambition of Jojo Villafuerte, his cousin and a nephew of Congressman Luis R. Villafuerte.

Robredo garnered 37,549 votes against Villafuerte's 11,000-plus votes.

In neighboring Camarines Norte, the Comelec proclaimed former Internal Revenue Commissioner Liwayway Vinzon-Chato the winner in the lone congressional district of the province.

In Masbate, political observers described the fate of three members of the Espinosa clan as "a political massacre."

Rep. Emilio Espinosa, the patriarch of the Espinosas and Deputy House Speaker for Luzon, lost by a wide margin to the wife of his archrival, Dr. Olga Kho.

Kho was proclaimed the winner Friday after garnering 123,945 votes while Espinosa chalked up 101,286.

Espinosa's niece, Maloli, also failed in her bid for the second congressional district seat, losing to incumbent Gov. Antonio Kho. She got 34,685 votes against Kho's 48,364.

Another Espinosa scion, Nanette, placed last in a 4-cor-

nered vice-gubernatorial fight dominated by incumbent Vice Gov. Vicente Revil.

Padaca's fears

In Isabela, reelectionist Gov. Maria Gracia Cielo Padaca maintained her lead over former Gov. Benjamin Dy in the gubernatorial race, with results from two towns still to be canvassed.

Padaca decried the alleged intimidation and delaying tactics by Dy's camp.

Returns as of Saturday showed Padaca with 203,927 votes while Dy had 194,758—a difference of 9,169 votes.

Acting Isabela election supervisor Johnny Abraham Asuncion said he was waiting for the election returns from the towns of Ilagan (72,365 voters) and Palanan (7,122 voters) to complete the canvassing.

With reports from Leoncio Balbin Jr., Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, Gabriel Cardinosa, Delmar Cariño, Cristina Arzadon, Frank Cimatu, Villamor Visaya Jr., Melvin Gascon and Estanislao Caldez, Inquirer Northern Luzon, and Russell Arador, Anselmo Roque, Carmela Reyes, Greg Refraccion, Inquirer Central Luzon, Juan Escandor Jr., Bobby Q. Labalan Inquirer Southern Luzon

Namfrel tally: Zubiri breaks into Magic 12, Loren still No. 1

From page A1

The GO ticket was still at the forefront of the Namfrel count in the senatorial races by a ratio of 7-3-2.

Zubiri broke into the Magic 12, posting 2,848,482 votes and vaulting past GO candidates Alan Peter Cayetano and Antonio Trillanes IV.

Zubiri's leap eased out GO's Koko Pimentel from Namfrel's top 12 tally. Pimentel dropped to 13th spot.

Comelec canvass

In the official canvass of the Commission on Elections, as of

5:34 p.m., Escudero had dislodged Legarda from the top spot.

Helped by votes from his home province of Sorsogon, as well as those from Iloilo City and the results of the Local Absentee Voting, Escudero chalked up 1,875,192 votes in the Comelec count—giving him a narrow 180-vote edge over Legarda, who posted 1,875,112 votes.

When the National Board of Canvassers adjourned its session yesterday shortly before 5 p.m., there were still eight GO, two Team Unity and two independent candidates in the Magic 12.

The poll body has so far tallied certificates of canvass from 60 foreign posts for overseas voting, 21 provinces and 3 cities as well as local absentee votes since it began the national canvassing on Wednesday.

Panfilo Lacson (GO) remained at 3rd place with 1,587,015 votes, Manuel Villar (GO) at 4th with 1,533,207, Francis Pangilinan (Independent) at 5th with 1,442,811 votes and Noynoy Aquino (GO) at 6th with 1,378,937 votes, according to the Comelec tally.

Gringo Honasan (Independent) jumped one slot higher,

moving to 7th with 1,241,628 votes, trading places with Alan Cayetano (GO), who fell to 8th with 1,198,330 votes.

Trillanes remained at 9th place with 1,165,829 votes.

Edgardo Angara and Joker Arroyo, the only TU candidates in the Comelec's Magic 12 so far, stayed at 10th and 11th places with 1,163,038 and 1,125,456 votes, respectively.

Arroyo jumped from the 12th slot after he scored high in Sorsogon.

TU bets inching up

Pimentel clung to the 12th slot

in Comelec count with 1,038,463 votes.

Inching closer to the Magic 12 in the Comelec tally were TU candidates Ralph Recto, Zubiri, Mike Defensor and Prospero Pichay, who slid down from 14th to 16th.

Included in the partial totals, computed by the INQUIRER from the votes read by the National Board of Canvassers, were votes from over 150 countries for the overseas voting.

Votes from Marinduque, Mountain Province and Italy were also canvassed but they were not included in the partial tally after the canvassers discov-

ered discrepancies in the COCs and the Statements of Votes.

The Comelec also ordered the Valenzuela City Board of Canvassers to reconvene after discrepancies were noted by watchers and lawyers between the COC and the SOV.

There are at least 104 certificates of canvass from provinces and cities, including local absentee voting, and 154 certificates of canvass for the overseas absentee voting to be canvassed for this year's midterm polls.

With a report from Nathaniel Melican

BRIGADA ESKWELA '07

NATIONAL SCHOOLS MAINTENANCE WEEK MAY 21-26, 2007

Sa Mayo 21-26, tulung-tulong nating ihanda ang ating mga eskwela para sa darating na pasukan!

Halina't maki-isa sa BRIGADA ESKWELA, ang taunang paghahanda ng mga paaralan para sa darating na pasukan. Kahit sino ay maaaring tumulong maglinis ng mga classroom, mag-ayos ng mga sirang upuan, magpinta ng mga desk at kung anu-ano pa. Ang anumang tulong nyo ay malaking kontribusyon sa ikagiginhawa ng ating mga pampublikong paaralan. Magpalista lamang sa pinakamalapit na public school o DepEd office sa inyong lugar. Maaari ring tumawag sa Adopt-A-School Secretariat sa (02) 6388637 o 39. Tara na't maging bahagi ka ng brigada!

ANG BRIGADA ESKWELA AY ISANG PROGRAMA NG KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON.



Late SPORTS

Iggy coasts to second Sr triumph

ILOILO—IGGY CLAVECILLA WON THE Philippine Senior Amateur Open crown for the second straight year yesterday, prevailing by six strokes over Rolly Viray despite a closing 11-over par 81 at the Iloilo Golf and Country Club here.

Clavecilla, who cruised to a five-shot victory over Francis Gaston at Riviera last year, finished with a 54-hole aggregate of 230. He had earlier rounds of 77-72.

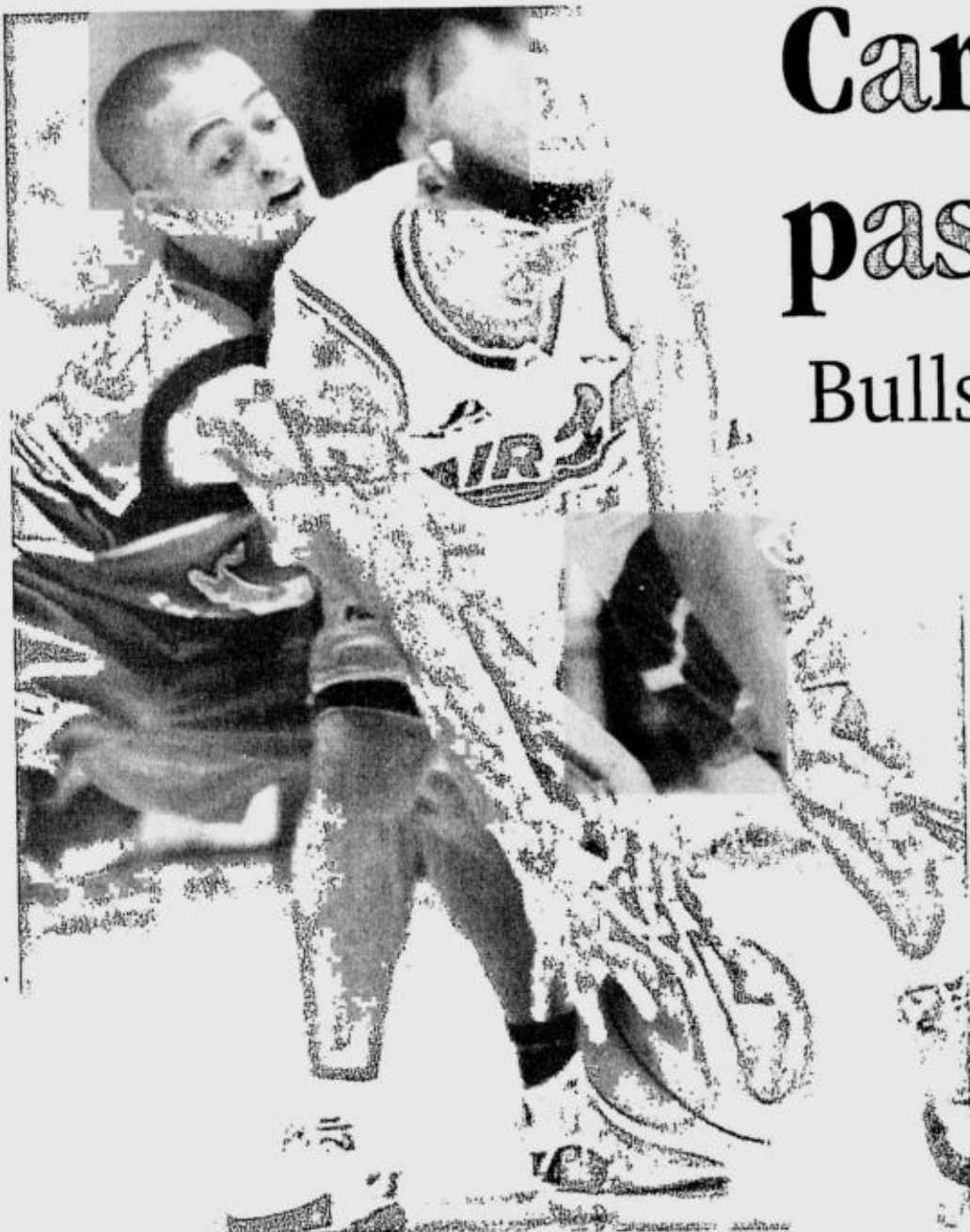
Viray, tied for the lead with Clavecilla in the first round, closed out with an 80 and settled for runner-up honors with a 236 while Severino Roxas-Chua placed third with a 243 after an 82.

Mario Lugal topped Category II (60-64 years old) with a 164 from rounds of 86-78, beating Ed Larroza, who had a 170 from rounds of 87-83. Lando Layson took the net crown with a 133 (61-72) after beating Dennis Locsin, who had a 137 (71-66).

Carlos Malibiran scored a 176 (83-93) and won over Danilo Pizarro (183) in the battle for Category III (65-69) crown while Jose Soriano bogeyed the final hole to take net honors, nipping Willie Carlos, who double-bogeyed No. 18, in the countback after both players finished with identical (67-69) 136s.

Jun Galindez ruled Super Senior I (70-74) with a 182 (90-92), three shots ahead of Severino Aguilar's 185 (92-93) while Alberto Diaz scored a net 159 (82-77) to beat Richard Heidemann (80-81-166).

Mars Arenas reigned in Super Senior II (75 above) with a 183 (87-96), beating Terencio Jamotillo, who had rounds of 99-103 for a 202.



JIMWELL Torion will be a vital cog for Air21 tonight.

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Carey lifts Pals past Gin Kings

Bulls face Express today

By June Navarro

BUTUAN CITY—HARVEY CAREY SAVED TALK 'N Text from the brink of disaster as the Phone Pals carved out a 102-96 win over the Barangay Ginebra Kings last night in the Talk 'N Text-PBA Fiesta Cup On Tour at the Urios Gym here.

Carey scored his team's last five points, including a mid-range jumper with 34.8 seconds left that scuttled Ginebra's final push and gave the Phone Pals a victory critical to their outright semifinal bid.

The Phone Pals picked up their ninth win against six losses while handing the Gin Kings a third straight defeat and Ginebra's fourth overall in 14 games.

After Rodney Santos missed a three-pointer, Carey delivered the jumper that gave the Phone Pals a 100-96 cushion.

Another opportunity came for the Gin Kings when JJ Sullinger flubbed his two free throws inside 20 seconds. But Santos' desperation three-pointer was off-target and Carey's buzzer-beater on the other end finalized the count.

The setback dumped the Gin Kings into a triple tie with idle Red Bull and Alaska at the top.

Carey paced the Phone Pals with 24 points while Sullinger, who engineered a Talk 'N Text breakaway in the opening minutes of the fourth, added 20 points.

Bad fall

Billones had 11 points with Jay Washington and Donbel Belano, chipping in 10 points apiece. Mac Cardona was limited to eight points after a bad fall with still 10 minutes left sent him to the bench for good.

Sullinger's pair of three-point plays pushed Talk 'N Text ahead, 90-82, with still eight minutes to go.

Rod Nealy and Sunday Salvation joined forces as the Gin Kings closed in, 97-96, before Carey presided over the Talk 'N Text offense.

STANDINGS	W	L
Ginebra	10	5
Red Bull	10	5
Alaska	10	5
Air21	9	5
Talk N Text	9	6
San Miguel Beer	7	7
Coca-Cola	6	9
Sta. Lucia	5	9
Purefoods	5	11
Welcoat	3	12

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)

4:05 p.m.—Coca-Cola vs Sta. Lucia Realty
6:30 p.m.—Red Bull vs Air21

Meanwhile, Red Bull, again looking formidable under coach Yeng Guiao, shoots for a front-running 11th win against Air21 today at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Bulls (10-5) and the Express (9-5) collide at 6:30 p.m. looking for a victory that will boost their chances for the two outright semifinal slots also being eyed by Barangay Ginebra (10-4) and Alaska (10-5).

"If we could get past Air21, it will, practically increase our chances of making the semifinals outright," said Guiao, who rejoined the Bulls Friday night and steered them past the Welcoat Dragons.

The Red Bull mentor missed seven games to successfully campaign for a second term as Pangasinana vice governor.

Coca-Cola (6-9) and Sta. Lucia Realty (5-9) clash earlier at 4:05 p.m., aiming to secure a better seeding going into the wild card phase.

Lascuña trails by 7

MACAU—INDIA'S GAURAV GHEI was in prime position to lift his second successive Asian Tour title when he pulled two shots clear in the weather-hit Macau Open on Saturday.

Ghei, winner of last month's Pine Valley Beijing Open, is ahead of the chasing pack on 11-under-par for the \$300,000 tournament through 11 holes of his third round when relentless rain at Macau Golf and Country Club forced the suspension of play.

Only 10 players finished their third rounds while the remaining 57 players in the field will return on Sunday to complete their remaining holes.

Antonio Lascuña, the only Filipino make the halfway cut with rounds of 68-69, stood at one over after 12 holes.

China's Liang Wen-chong was pushing hard for his second victory of the season by moving to nine-under-par for the tournament after negotiating 14 holes of his third round in four-under.

Liang, ranked second on the Asian Tour's UBS Order of Merit, was tied with Chinese Taipei veteran Lu Wen-teh, who shot three birdies in 12 holes and second round leader Richard Moir of Australia, who was one-over through 11 holes.

Thai star Thaworn Wiratchant is eight-under for the tournament while defending champion Kane Webber of Australia is four strokes off the lead after playing 15 holes of his third round in five under and was tied with two-time Macau Open winner Zhang Lianwei of China.



Partial Comelec and Namfrel counts compiled by Metro Staff* as of May 19, Saturday

NCR	
CALOOCAN CITY	
Comelec as of 3:30 p.m.	
Congressman (1st district)	
ECHIVERRI, Rico (Lakas)	17789
GARRA, Leo (Kapatiran ng Bagong Caloocan)	1196
GUNDAYAO, Virgilio (Kapatiran Party/Ind)	
MALAPITAN, Oscar (NP/UNO)	33473
PLA, Nadine Marie Inez (Lupling Kalookan)	1709
Congressman (2nd district)	
BAGUS, Tolentino (Lakas)	5874
CAJAYON, Maria Mitzi (LP)	23902
DIVINA, Nilo (Kampi)	7475
ERICE, Edgar (LP)	7050
MUNOZ, Albert (Ind)	3680
Mayor	
ASISTIO, Luis (NPC)	60065
ASISTIO, Macario (Lupling Kalookan)	5930
ECHIVERRI, Enrico (Lakas)	71618
MALONZO, Reynaldo (Kabaca)	21603
Vice-Mayor	
CAMAYO, Henry (Camayo)	26802
VALERA, Luis Tito (Kampi)	49670
VALLERA	7564
MALABON-NAVOTAS	
1014 precincts, Comelec count as of 6:30 p.m.	
Congressman (1st district)	
CINCO, Roberto (Ind)	192
FRANCISCO, Marlon (PMP)	20792
LACSON-NOEL, Josephine Veronique (NPC)	50337
SANDOVAL, Alvin (LP)	44037
MALABON	
Mayor	
ORETA, Canuto Winner	
NAVOTAS	
Mayor	
TIANGCO, Tobias (Partido Navoteño)	56283
SANDOVAL, Ricky (Coalition of Administrative Political Party)	27475
Vice Mayor	
JAVIER, Patrick	48438
BAUTISTA, Daniel	32807
MAYILA	
2636 out of 4903 precincts, Comelec as of 7 p.m.	
Mayor	
LIM, Alfredo (UNO/KKK Laban) Winner	
Vice-Mayor	
DOMAGOSO, Francisco Isko Moreno (PDP-Laban) Winner	
Congressman (1st district)	
ASALO, Benjamin Winner	
Congressman (2nd district)	
LOPEZ, Jaime Winner	
Congressman (3rd district)	
ANGPING, Maria Zenaida Winner	
MUNTINLUPA CITY	
41 percent, Comelec count as of 9 p.m., May 18	
Congressman	
BIAZON, Rozzano Rufino (LP)	31107
PUNO, Ricardo Jr. (NPC)	30337
Mayor	
FRESNEDI, Loretta (Lakas)	27933
MASANGKAY, Elizabeth (NPC)	4887
SAN Pedro, Aldrin (PMP/UNO)	29159
Vice-Mayor	
SIMUNDAC, Artemio (Lakas)	28152
CAYETANO, Rene Carl (Ind)	24901
MOLEDEZ, Ricardo (NPC)	7842
PARANAGUE CITY	
Comelec	
Congressman (1st district)	
FERRER, Waltrido (PDP-Laban)	5569
VARONA, Netz (Ind)	66
YABUT, Fortunato (Ind)	
ZIALCITA, Eduardo (Lakas)	17336
Congressman (2nd district)	
ARROYO, Benjamin (UNO/Ind)	4338
GOLEZ, Rollo (Ind)	27966
NERV, Jose Sr. (Ind)	291
ROSAL, Pacifico (Ind)	577
ROXAS, Romeo	16058
Mayor	
BERNABE, Florencio (Lakas)	47713
PANGASINAN	
Comelec	
Congressman (1st district)	
YLLANA, Andros Jose Jr. (Lakas)	30953
TAMBUNTING, Gustavo (Aksyon Demokratiko)	43033
PANGASINAN	
Comelec	
Congressman (1st district)	
PANALIGAN, Allan (Kampi)	14050
ROXAS, Jose Antonio (UNO/LDP)	14156
SANTOS, Ricardo (Lakas)	8943
Mayor	
DY, CONSUELO (Kampi)	19006
TRINIDAD, Wenceslao (UNO/LDP)	20646
Vice-Mayor	
ALCERA, Greg (LP)	6232
CAIXITO, Antonio (LDP)	22063
TOLFINO, Arvin (Kampi)	10118
PANGASINAN	
Comelec complete tally	
Congressman	
BATACAN, Emmeraldo (Reporma/Laplani Mangagawa)	7969
CARINO, Noel (NPC)	64640
MELENDRES, Fernando (Ind)	4941
ROMULO, Roman (Kampi)	97517
SALATANDRE, Orlando Jr. (Ind)	2040
TATCO, Jose Jr. (LP)	43759
Mayor	
EUSEBIO, Roberto (NPC, as of May 18)	
Winner	
Vice-Mayor	
LANOT, Henry II (LP)	40738
MARTINES, Rosali (Kampi)	101694
RAMOS, Bricio (Lakas)	73622
PANGASINAN	
4,180 out of 5,049 precincts, Comelec count as of 3 p.m.	
Congressman (1st district)	
CRISOLAGO, Vincent (Lakas)	23001
Congressman (2nd district)	
ABAN, Vicente Jr. (Ind)	225
BALOSA, Esmeraldo (Ind)	111
JIMENEZ, Walter (Ind)	182
LIBAN, Dante (LP)	21,136
MATHAY, Ismael III (Kampi)	50,027
NUEDA, Norma (AK Party Independent)	401
SIMON, Brigido (PMP)	16034
SUSANO, Mary Ann (Lakas)	62106
Congressman (3rd district)	
SORIANO, Lila (Ind)	601
CALDERON, Ramon (KSL)	1580
GORRISO, Benjamin (LP)	402
DEFENSOR, Matias Jr. (Lakas)	31402
LOPE, Wendell (Independent Peoples Volunteer)	377
PUMAREN, Filomeno Jr. (Kapatiran)	6085
REMOTO, Danton (Ind)	3837
Congressman (4th district)	
DAZA, Nanelite (Lakas)	58091
PAI ACIOS, Albert Hans (UNO/Ind)	9714
PANGASINAN	
Comelec	
Congressman (2nd district)	
ALIT, Arturo (NPC)	10805
DUEÑAS, Henry Jr. (KDT)	14014
REYES, Angelito (Kampi)	12281
PANGASINAN	
Comelec	
Mayor	
MIRANDA, Marlanito (NPC)	22230
TINGA, Sigfredo (KDT)	58551
Vice-Mayor	
ELIAS, George (KDT)	40905
LABAO-ALZONA, Ma. Loida (UNO)	38467

INQUIRER METRO REPORTERS AND STAFF: KRISTINE ALAVE, JEANNETTE ANDRADE, JULIE AURELIO, NANCY CARVAJAL, ALLISON LOPEZ, MARCAUX ORTIZ, DJ YAP AND JUAN VELORIA WITH INQUIRER ELECTION 2007 VOLUNTEERS SHELLEY DIMACULANGAN, JONETTE MARIE MANOSA, ANGELA REBUENO, MARY ANN FRESCO, FRANCES MANGOSING, KATHERINE LUI, PENILOPE ENDOZO, VERITY CABIGAO, FATH ALAYON, HERSHEY D. HONOL, JENNY LYNN G. AGUILAR, PATRICIA JULE T. HABAN, CAMILLE G. FALLORINA, JOHN EDISON T. FULGENCIO, REUBEN P. MERCADO, JESSICA HERMOSA, CHRISTIAN SANCHEZ, JOSEPH JOHN RAY, MUNDO, RESTITUTO MATIKAS SANTOS, JACKY LYNN OIGA, KIMBERLY TAN, PAOLO MONTECILLO, DELFIN FABRIGAS JR., GERVIL ESTELLA AND JEN PEIUNO

Aspire. Aim. Achieve | www.audi.ph



Zero is a real number.



No interest up to 3 years on Audi A4 units.
No cost on regular maintenance labor and parts for 2 years.
No problem. No worries.

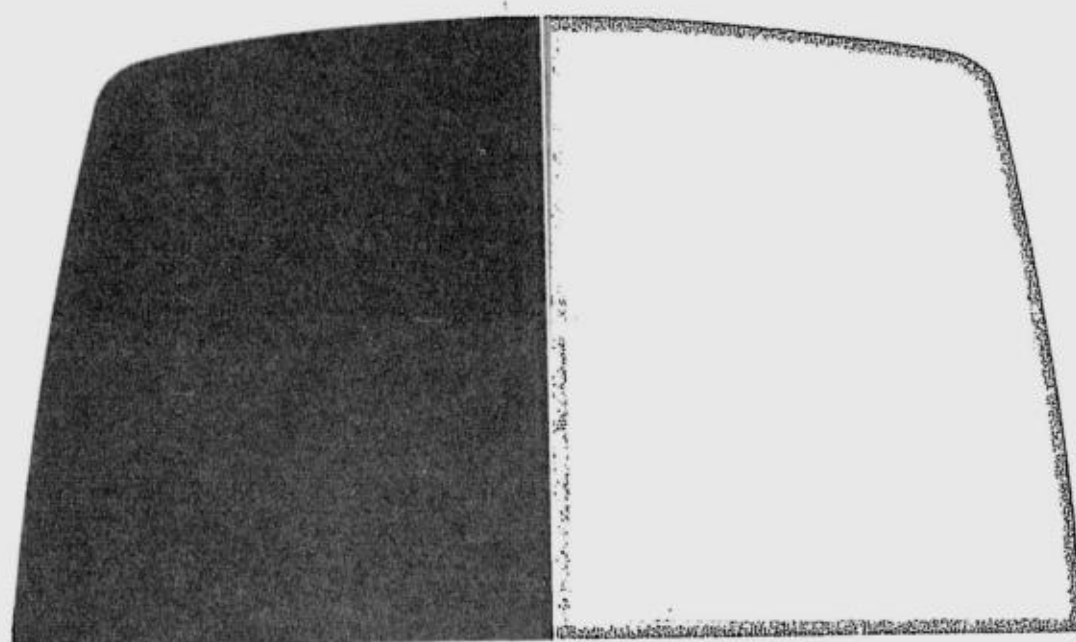


NO DOUBT.

Come visit our Audi A4 display at the North Court of the Rockwell Powerplant Mall on May 24 to 27, 2007.

This special offer is available subject to bank approval, from May 15 to June 15, 2007 only.
Per DTI/NCR Permit No. A3-0406 Series of 2007

PGA Cars, Inc. Sole Importer and distributor of Audi. 201 EDSA Mandaluyong City. For a test drive call 727.0386 or 727.0381 up to 85.



Panatang Maika Broadband
Kino-connect mo ang Pilipinas.
Ito'y mula Batanes hanggang Gensan.
Ito ang connection ng aking PC.
Ako'y kanyang naaabot,
kahit walang phone line,
para magkaroon ng malakas, mabilis
at kapaki-pakinabang na broadband.

Ang monthly fee ay affordable sa ₱999 lang.

Faster than dial-up
at matulin ang installation.

Pinatutulin nito ang research at aralin,
para maging isang estudyante na may markang matataas.

Pagkakatiwalaan ko ang aking broadband
na siyang umaabot sa buong kapuluan.

Sisikapin ko na mag-connect

sa bawat PILIPINO, sa e-mail,
sa on-line games,
at sa pag-chat.



Ang Pambansang Broadband.

Subscribe now to Smart Bro Plan 999! Call *1888 on your Smart cellphone or visit www.smart.com.ph

Aplus

METRO

Website: www.inquirer.net/metro

Editor Ester G. Dipasupil

Text us your feedback: inquirer met name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) E-mail: pr_metro@inquirer.com.ph

By TJ Burgonio

TERESA, RIZAL—AT the foot of a hill overlooking a vast rice field here, Alex Ramo scoops up plastic wrappers from a mountain of trash-filled sacks and stuffs them into a diesel-powered pulverizer.

Behind him, four other young men shovel bits of shredded plastic into a wet mound of cement and sand, combine the mixture and then pour it into a mold until it's filled to the brim.

Then, holding the mold upside down, they gently lower it to the ground. They give the back of the equipment a few thumps being lifting it, leaving a freshly made hollow block on the ground.

Welcome to Teresa's Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility in the hilly Barangay Dalig, the site of this third-class municipality's little known solid waste management program.

At this nondescript facility that lies off a dusty road five kilometers away from the national highway, residual wastes—plastic wrappers and styrofoam containers—hailed from Teresa's nine barangays are recycled to produce hollow blocks.

"The idea is to reduce our wastes to zero," municipal environment and natural resources officer Marlon Pielago says in an interview.

Right next to this sprawling 2,000-sq-m property, which is surrounded by a bamboo fence, is Teresa's own compost pit, where bags of waste taken from the public market are mixed with manure to produce fertilizer.

To the municipal officials' credit, the facility has drawn visitors from other local government units looking for a solution to their mounting garbage problems. It has also caught the eye of the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC), the government agency tasked with implementing Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

"It's a model of the struggle and perseverance of a local government unit to manage its wastes. I can't say it's complete, but it's a good project worth pursuing," NSWMC Secretariat executive director Zoilo Andin Jr. says. "They're on the right track."

But this is not to say that the technology is perfect. Andin and environmentalists agree that plastics aren't the



best at holding construction materials together, a fact not lost on Teresa officials.

Pielago, chief implementor of Teresa's solid waste management program, acknowledges that their hollow blocks aren't as solid as the ones produced commercially which are made of pure construction materials.

He stresses, however, that their products have passed strength tests conducted by the Bureau of Product Standards. Their hollow blocks have subsequently been classified as "no load-bearing" products, meaning they can only be used for structures like fences, walls, canals and bungalow trusses, he says.

"It has a certain degree of strength but it can't be compared with commercial hollow blocks," Pielago adds.

In 2005, a year after he was elected mayor, Rodel de la Cruz ordered his environment officials to draw up a 10-year solid waste management program to comply with RA 9003.

While they pondered their next move, a group called EARTH Product

Philippines turned up at the municipal hall offering a novel project: A recycling system that promises to turn garbage residuals into concrete products.

De la Cruz was impressed and contracted the group to orient municipal and barangay officials about managing solid wastes for a year. He then ordered one of their pulverizers for the municipality's use.

"After assuming office, I saw the problem of garbage. There were heaps of trash in our dump; they were crawling with worms and had spilled over into the road," the 50-year-old mayor says.

Within the next months, the municipality's nine barangays set up material recovery facilities (MRFs)—small warehouses built on open lots so trash collected by a crew of "eco-boys" from households could be further segregated.

By February 2006, the town's dump, also in Barangay Dalig, was shut down, and right across it, the municipal MRF was built to accept garbage residuals for processing into concrete materials.

Over time, the volume of trash coming from households has decreased—from seven tons to three tons—as residents not only learned to segregate, but to earn money from selling plastic containers and newspapers, and left-over food as livestock feed.

At the barangay MRFs, the biodegradables and nonbiodegradables are stored in separate boxes for eventual sale to junkyards, while kitchen wastes like fruit and vegetable peelings are dumped into the compost pit.

At the end of the day, only the residuals like plastic wrappers and styrofoam containers remain for hauling into the municipal MRF.

To manage garbage coming from markets, De la Cruz had a pit dug up on a property right beside the municipal

MRF. Here, market wastes are mixed with farm manure and turned into fertilizer which is then given away for free to vegetable farmers. On the same lot is a nursery where vegetables are grown.

The MRF has since been renamed as the Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility.

Here, some 140 to 150 hollow blocks are manually molded out of a mixture of two sacks of pulverized plastic, a bag of cement and 15 pails of sand every day. They sell at P6.50, at least 50 cents cheaper than those sold at hardware stores.

The municipal staff manning the facility also mold paving bricks, wall claddings, cement tiles, paving blocks and cement balusters if there are special orders for these. They get paid from the sales of the blocks.

"The residents have been placing a lot of orders. We can hardly keep up. We have a backlog of 200 right now," says Pielago, 50, a mechanical engineer. "We can't market these commercially because we can't even sustain the demand."

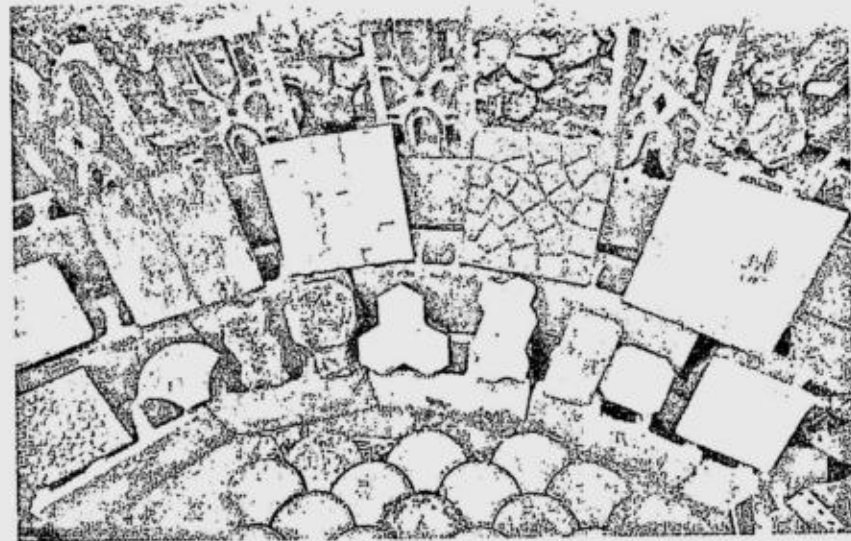
The Teresa government plans to devolve the technology to the barangays so they can produce their own concrete materials from plastics, once funding comes in from local or foreign donors.

Meantime, it's set to spread the good news about solid waste management once classes open in June by encouraging students to bring as many recyclables as possible, earn points and receive school supplies as rewards.

"They won't only save up money, they'll also learn the value of recycling," Pielago says.

IN TERESA, Rizal, garbage is turned into hollow blocks using a recycling system.

JOAN BONDOC



OTHER products produced at Teresa's integrated solid waste management facility include cement tiles, paving blocks and bricks.

JOAN BONDOC

ETHAN ALLEN
Classic design. Modern perspective.

Enjoy the heat of summer with great discounts & rewards...

All items at 20% OFF until May 31 only!

Visit our design center today or call us to know how our complimentary design service can help you.

You can also avail our custom order advantage at 25% discount.

Exclusively distributed by FOCUS GLOBAL INC. Pioneer cor. Refiner Streets, Mandakyong City 1550, Phils. Tel. 634-8587 | www.focusglobalinc.com | Design Center is open from: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 1pm-6pm

BANCO DE ORO Equitable PCI BANK
Your Bank of Choice

SUPER CHARGED AUTOLOAN

Guaranteed low rates up to **7.2% MO** TO PAY

FUELED with as much as **P20,000** WORTH OF GAS AND iPod SHUFFLES

FREE Caltex Gas Card

FREE iPod Shuffle

Apply Now!

Banco de Oro
631-8000 (within Metro Manila)
1-800-10-6318000 (Domestic Toll-Free)
www.bancodeoro.com.ph
or visit the nearest BDO branch or BDO On-Site

Equitable PCI Bank
84-911 (within Metro Manila)
PLDT: 1-800-188-84-911 and
Digitel: 1-800-333-84-911 (Provincial)
www.equitablepci.com

Phone period February 16 to July 31, 2007
Per DTI Permit No. 0962 Series of 2007

"THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund regulates finance. The World Trade Organization regularizes trade. The movement of people—the most intimate form of globalization—is one with the fewest rules. There is no 'World Migration Organization' to monitor the migrants' fate."

Jason DeParle, "A Good Provider Is One Who Leaves," cover story of the New York Times magazine, April 22, 2007

GLOBAL *Pinoy*

Editor Gerry Lirio

E-mail: pr_global_pinoy@inquirer.com.ph

Text us your feedback:
inquirer gp name/age/city/message
to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

are their stories.

At 61, this Pinay nurse is ready to pursue the American dream

By Michelle Elaine Velete
Contributor

PACITA REVIL HAD BEEN two years as a nurse in Saudi Arabia when a stroke sent her into a coma.

When she awoke 27 days later in a big hospital in Riyadh, she could hardly remember anything save for a few prayers.

Today, at 61 and after four major surgeries—including a craniotomy or operation on the skull—Pacita has just passed the qualifying exam given by the US Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS).

With prayers and determination, she has earned herself a return ticket to where her overseas dream began almost 40 years ago.

Pacita, who hails from Kolambugan, Lanao del Norte, first went to the US after finishing her undergraduate course in 1968 as an exchange visitor nurse.

But the State of New York later on required higher learning courses for all nurses working there. So she came back to the Philippines in 1982 to take supplementary courses for a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at the Family Clinic in Dimasalang. She also pursued her Masters degree at Ortiga University.

Unfortunately, when she was about to return to the US, she was told that the hospital she used to work for had already closed.

Meanwhile, the demand for Filipino nurses in Saudi Arabia was peaking.

In 1988, Pacita took off for a nursing job in a military hospital in the oil-rich Middle Eastern kingdom.

A Muslim convert, she adjusted easily to the strict customs and different lifestyle in Saudi. There, the nurses were not allowed to leave the hospital without a chaperone.

Taking care of military officers and their families was smooth-sailing for Pacita. She said foreign surgeons were impressed with how Filipino nurses worked—fast and efficient but also with great compassion for their patients.

She said she was also having a lot of

fun abroad.

But her biggest challenge, which would put her nursing career on hold, was just around the corner.

Emergency

In October 1990, Pacita went to see their staff doctor complaining of a throbbing headache. Her blood pressure was shooting up. Moments later, she passed out.

A Medivac helicopter immediately transported her to Riyadh, where hospitals were better equipped to deal with such an emergency.

Doctors there gave her a 50/50 chance of survival.

"They rushed me into the operating room," she recalled.

A few days after the operation, however, she developed hydrocephalus, a dangerous accumulation of fluids in the brain.

It was back to the operating room for Pacita.

"I was in coma for 27 days," she said.

When she miraculously awoke, she could not remember where she had been. She could not remember anything, she recalls.

In December, after almost two months in critical care, she was allowed to go back to the nurses dormitory in the military hospital compound in Tabuk.

Her mind was still blank and fuzzy. She could not remember the telephone number of the place she was staying in. Pacita, or Aisha (as she was renamed after the youngest wife of the Prophet Mohammed), said she could only remember prayers.

Her two Saudi neurosurgeons decided to check her into the hospital for further recuperation. She felt depressed and restless.

3 more seizures

In January, she returned to work. But she was to suffer three minor seizures. The last one in July 1991 prompted her to end her contract and come home.

She emerged from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in a wheelchair. She stayed with a cousin in Manila.

Those were the energy crisis years. Brownouts sometimes lasted eight, 10

hours a day. Without an electric fan working, Pacita often found the situation unbearable. There were times her head would ache and she would head for an air-conditioned movie theater to sleep until sundown.

It became a tiresome cycle for Pacita. After two years, she didn't feel she was getting much rest. She couldn't sleep well because of the brownouts.

One day she spotted a newspaper ad announcing new job vacancies for nurses in Saudi Arabia. She decided to go for it.

At least there, she thought, there were no brownouts, there was air-conditioning, and the accommodations were better.

Her work was her therapy. Slowly, she recovered her health.

Return to Saudi

One of her most memorable experiences in what would turn into an extended 12-and-a-half year stint in Medina, was when she was assigned to a doctor reported among the nurses there to be "the worst terror" among Saudi surgeons.

Nurses and hospital aides would actually hide when this doctor walked down the hallway, she recalled. All the nurses expressed their sympathies when they heard Pacita would be assigned to "Dr. Terror."

Well, she not only survived the first day that she was assigned to assist him during a kidney transplant, but also became his trusted nurse.

"I never imagined I would be working



CHARMED "DR. TERROR": Nurse Pacita Alaura Revil of Lanao del Norte was the trusted surgical nurse of a doctor for nine years in Medina, Saudi Arabia, that the other nurses called "Dr. Terror."

for this Dr. Baker Nasser up to my very last day in Medina."

"For nine years, I worked for Dr. Nasser, whom all my fellow nurses were frightened of," she said. "It turned out, he was a really nice man. Maybe the Filipino nurse's charm worked wonders on him," she laughed.

Reclaiming her dream

But Pacita, still single, never forgot her dream of going back to the US, where her mother, who is turning 95 this May, resides.

This mother-daughter reunion is now 23 years in the making.

Pacita is excited. She is preparing for

one more test, the NCLEX preparatory licensure examination for nurses in the US at the R.A. Gapuz Review Center. Her review teachers are so impressed that they have been telling her story to many young aspiring nurses as an inspiring example of courage and fierce determination to face life's hurdles and fulfill one's dreams.

Pacita has indeed battled the setbacks of her forgotten years for a much deserved fresh start in another part of the globe.

Said Pacita: "I've realized my dream of providing comfort to the sick people of the world. Now I'm going to take care of my mom as well."

Valedictorian dedicates success to OFW papa

By Kenneth M. del Rosario

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD NIELICE CALUZA topped her elementary class and graduated valedictorian last month. Her father Daniel, 47, has been working as an electrician in Saudi Arabia for more than 20 years. And though Nielice has come up the stage every year on recognition days, her father has never had the chance to personally award her the medals she worked so hard for.

Every time she accepts an award, Nielice, with her mother by her side, wishes that her father was also there.

This year, a week before her graduation day, her prayers were answered. Daniel moved heaven and earth just to be able to attend his daughter's proudest moment. And finally, with tears and smiles, head held high, Nielice walked with her father to the stage to accept her accolades—medal per medal.

Full scholarships

Second of three, Nielice has only a few memories of her father while she was growing up. She was barely 5 years old when her father went to Saudi Arabia to work in December 1999.

Aside from topping a class of 99 students, she also received recognition for being the best student in English, Science, and Filipino; for speller of the year; and for the best orator, among others. She got a total of 15 medals this year.

"I was the happiest girl in the world. It was nice to get recognition for my diligence and hard work," Nielice told the INQUIRER.

Because she was class valedictorian at the San Diego Elementary School in San Pablo City, Laguna, Nielice received several full scholarship offers from different schools for her high school education. She has decided to enroll in San Pablo Colleges this coming school year.

Gift to parents

Nielice and her two siblings Daniel



DANIEL CALUZA and bemedalled daughter Nielice on graduation day on March 28 at the San Diego Elementary School in San Pablo City. Nielice is a member of Atikha, an organization in San Pablo which helps make the lives of OFWs and their children better.

Junior, 15, and 7-year-old Jerome, are always ever thankful for their parents' ceaseless efforts to send them all to school. They know how hard their parents work to ensure they make both ends meet.

In her valedictorian speech, Nielice repeatedly expressed her gratitude to her parents, saying her success is the best gift she could give them.

"My parents have always been, are, and will always be my inspiration. I offer them my success," Nielice said in her speech before classmates, teachers, and teary-eyed parents.

For her graduation, her parents got her a new skirt to wear for the big day.

And though tight on the budget, they managed to celebrate with their family and relatives at home with a simple repast of spaghetti and cake.

That's my daughter

Daniel, who for the past 20 years has missed spending many Christmases with his family, said he did not ever think of missing out on this one, too. He understands how important his presence would mean to his daughter. That is why he flew home to be with them as soon as he got the chance.

"When she first told me on the phone that she was class valedictorian, tears flowed from my eyes," Daniel said in a separate phone interview with the INQUIRER.

"I was almost speechless. I guess there really wasn't anything else to say except for congratulatory words."

Come graduation day, the proud father could only do so much to contain his overwhelming happiness at seeing his daughter grow up to be an intelligent, smart lady.

"The whole time during the graduation, all I could think of was 'Anak ko yan! Mana sa 'kin yan! (That's my daughter! She got it from me!)," Daniel recalled.

Back to work

After the commencement rites, they got to sit down and talk about Nielice's future. Daniel only had fatherly advice to give his daughter. "I told Nielice that we will support her all the way. I told her to keep up the good work so that someday she'll have a very good job," said Daniel, who left for work again in Saudi a couple of weeks after Nielice's graduation day.

Someday, Nielice wants to be a teacher so she can share her talents with other children and teach them to be good students like herself.

She said she does not have any plans of becoming an OFW like her father. "I don't ever want to leave my family behind no matter what," Nielice said.

New York nurses case: Abuses and broken promises

By Rita Villadiego
Contributor

NEW YORK—NURSES WEEK IN NEW York last week was bittersweet for 26 Filipino nurses and a physical therapist who filed a class action suit against their employer, the Sentosa Care Group, for discriminatory workplace policies.

Nurses in a press conference Sunday shed tears as they recalled their sad experiences and legal battles.

There was Mark de la Cruz, 29, a nurse from Manila who came to Brookhaven, New York in November 2004, full of dreams of big bucks to support his relatives in the Philippines.

He was recruited by Sentosa recruiting agency in Manila, which he said promised him specific employment in a health facility, a pay of \$21 to \$24 an hour, free staff housing, and reimbursement of licensing fees and other benefits.

But De la Cruz said he found himself in a three-bedroom staff house already crammed with 11 other nurses that he had to sleep on the floor. With no proper heating, it was freezing in the winter. He added that he and the other nurses would use corrugated boxes to cover the cracked walls and broken windows to try and shield themselves from the cold.

He said he would also discover that working conditions and pay were not as he expected.

The contract stipulated a 40-hour work week, but the nursing facility cut back their hours to 35, which lessened their income. He was demoralized too when he learned that his \$24 per hour rate, was lower than the \$35 per hour being paid to nurses directly hired by the health facility.

Other Filipino nurses complained of similar abuses—delayed pay, nonpayment of overtime and night differentials, threats if they joined a union, and deception by the management.

They claimed management ignored their complaints.

After a few months, De la Cruz, and 26 nurses resigned en masse from Sentosa Care Group. "We got tired of abuses and broken promises," he said.

Sentosa, however, has filed counter charges of breach of contract against them. The company also charged the

nurses with endangering the welfare of children and physically disabled persons when they suddenly walked out.

De la Cruz said that when he and nine other nurses appeared in court last month to plead "not guilty" to Sentosa charges, it was "the worst day of my life."

"I just wanted to disappear. We were branded as criminals after working hard," said De la Cruz.

Two of the nurses charged were medical doctors in the Philippines but are working as nurses in New York.

Their lawyer Felix Vinluan said the nurses had resigned only after finishing their shifts and another set of nurses had taken over. The patients, he said, were properly taken care of.

Vinluan also helped the nurses file a discrimination complaint with the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, claiming multimillion damages against Sentosa Care group owner Bent Philipson, and the Filipino recruitment agency headed by Francis Luyun.

Vinluan and the nurses have likewise filed a case against the Philippine-based Sentosa Recruiting, an affiliate of New York-based Sentosa group, seeking to revoke its recruitment license from the Philippine Overseas and Employment Authority (POEA).

A suspension order was granted but it took effect for only two weeks last year. There are reports that New York Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer wrote the Philippine government to back the Sentosa Group.

The nurses have since lodged a new petition in Manila seeking the revocation of the license of Sentosa Recruiting.

"This is a case that not only touches on massive labor law violations, but trafficking and involuntary servitude as well," said Rico Roz, vice president of the National Alliance for Filipino Concerns.

The Office of Professional Discipline of NY Board of Education cleared the nurses of any violations last year, but the criminal case at Suffolk County Supreme Court is still being heard.

Still, De la Cruz and the others are slowly moving on. He has found a nursing job at St. Vincent Hospital in Manhattan and is rebuilding his life despite pending cases.

The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

Blast at historic mosque in India kills 10



ONLOOKERS gather at the blast site in front of Mecca Masjid, the main mosque in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad, May 18. A bomb exploded during Friday prayers at the mosque, killing at 10 worshippers. Police said more than 50 people were injured in the blast.

HYDERABAD, INDIA—POLICE SOUGHT CLUES on Saturday to a "sophisticated" blast at a historic mosque that killed 10 people and triggered clashes which left four dead in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad.

The powerful explosion, which wounded 17, occurred Friday afternoon as thousands of worshippers gathered at the 17th-century Mecca Mosque to offer prayers.

The blast at Hyderabad's biggest mosque was followed by protests in which police opened fire to subdue rioters angered by the attack staged on the Muslim holy day.

"The deaths are 14. Ten in the blast and four in the (police) firing," said city police commissioner Balwinder Singh. Officials said 32 had been injured in the protests.

Two bombs defused at the mosque after the initial explosion had provided some clues,

investigators said.

"The recovered bombs were connected to cell phones. We assume the same sophisticated mechanism would have been used for triggering the bomb that exploded in the mosque," state police chief M.A. Basith told reporters.

No group has claimed responsibility for the blast which came nine months after the bombing of a mosque in Malegaon in western India that killed 31 people and wounded 297.

Analysts have said such attacks appear to be aimed at undermining the stop-go peace process between India and Pakistan launched in 2004.

AFP

Poisoned toothpaste believed from China

DIETHYLENE GLYCOL, A POISONOUS ingredient in some antifreeze, has been found in 6,000 tubes of toothpaste in Panama, and customs officials there said Friday that the product appeared to have originated in China.

"Our preliminary information is that it came from China, but we don't know that with certainty yet," said Daniel Delgado Diamante, Panama's director of customs. "We are still checking all the possible imports to see if there could be other shipments."

Some of the toothpaste, which arrived several months ago in the free trade zone next to the Panama Canal, was re-exported to the Dominican Republic in seven shipments, customs officials said. A newspaper in Australia reported Friday that one brand of the toothpaste had been found on su-

permarket shelves there and had been recalled.

Diethylene glycol is the same poison that the Panamanian government inadvertently mixed into cold medicine last year, killing at least 100 people. Records show that in that incident the poison, falsely labeled as glycerin, a harmless syrup, also originated in China.

There is no evidence that the tainted toothpaste is in the United States, according to US government officials.

Panamanian health officials said diethylene glycol had been found in two brands of toothpaste, labeled in English as Excel and Cool. The tubes contained diethylene glycol concentrations of between 1.7 percent and 4.6 percent, said Luis Martinez, a prosecutor who is looking into the shipments.

NYT

Israel continues air strikes in Gaza

JERUSALEM—ISRAEL STRUCK more targets of the Palestinian faction Hamas on Friday, while forces from the group's Palestinian rival, Fatah, fired mortars at Hamas' Islamic University and exchanged gunfire with fighters inside.

But while the language of all

parties remained fiery, the warfare of recent days seemed to be lessening, both inside Gaza and outside, with a decrease even in the number of Qassam rockets fired toward Israel.

Israeli officials said the ebb had been because of their mili-

tary actions, which included air strikes against Hamas command positions, headquarters and rocket-firing teams. Israel vowed to keep up its attacks in order to try to deter further rocket firing into the Israeli town of Sderot, even as preparations for rocket attacks

increased in the larger Israeli city of Ashkelon.

"We have to show them one thing—that the moment you fire, we shall return fire," said Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, a retired general and member of the Israeli Cabinet.

NYT

Men in San Marino, women in Japan live longest—WHO

GENEVA—A BOY BORN IN THE MOUNTAINOUS enclave of San Marino in northeast Italy will likely live to 80, the world's longest male life expectancy, but newborn girls in Japan and 30 other countries have even better prospects, the World Health Organization said.

Sierra Leone registered the shortest male life expectancy at 37 years—the same as for girls in Swaziland, the bottom of the female list, according to WHO's "World Health Statistics 2007."

Females in Japan—who traditionally lead the world tables—have a life expectancy of 86, the same as in last year's WHO statistics.

San Marino men, who were tied with Japanese men last year at 79, have added a year to go ahead.

WHO said the life expectancy figures were based on 2005, the latest year available. It said statistics kept by its 193 member countries may vary in some cases because it had computed the figures itself to ensure compatibility.

Following San Marino on the male side were Australia, Iceland, Japan, Sweden and Switzerland at 79 years and then Canada, Israel, Italy, Monaco and Singapore at 78. France was tied for 12th place at 77 years with a group of countries including New Zealand and Britain. Germany was at 76 years, and the United States was tied with Cuba and other countries for 33rd place at 75.

Countries with long-lived women include Monaco, 85 years, and Andorra, Australia, France, Italy, San Marino, Spain and Switzerland at 84. Canada tied Iceland and Sweden at 83 years for women, and Germany was in a group at 82 years. Britain came in at 81 years and the United States tied for 32nd place with Costa Rica and Denmark at 80 years.

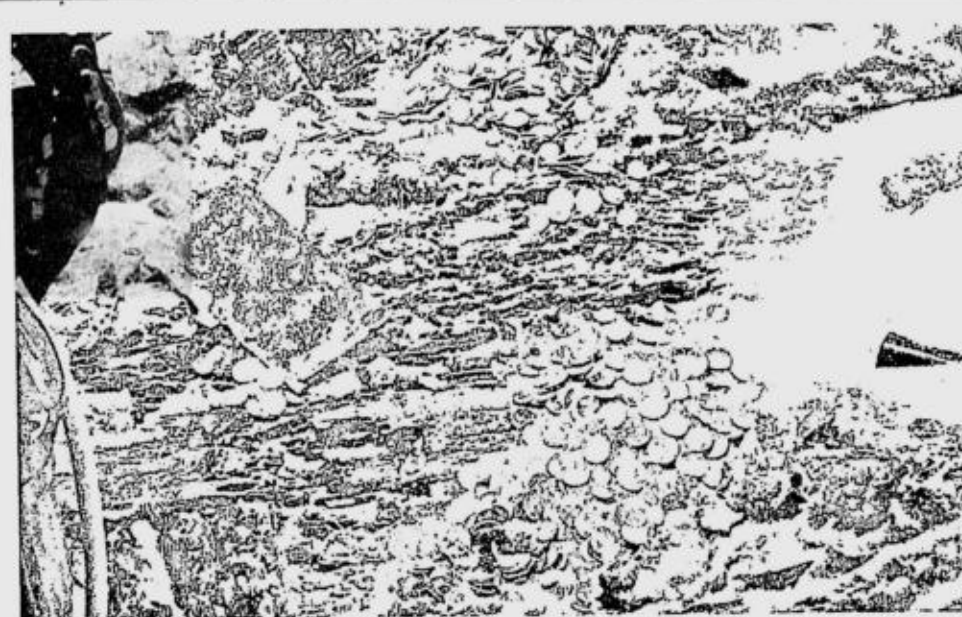
Afghanistan is the toughest place for babies to survive, with an infant mortality rate of 165 in 1,000 live births, compared with the two babies who die per 1,000 born in Singapore or Iceland.

But Sierra Leone is worse than Afghanistan for mothers' survival, with a maternal mortality rate of 2,000 per 100,000 live births. The rate for Afghanistan was 1,900. Ireland did best at four deaths, followed by Spain, Italy, Finland, Canada and Austria at five deaths.

Diet is often given as a major factor in life expectancy, but the report did not give specific reasons for each country's showing. However, it noted that many of the countries that fared badly spent much less money on health.

It also noted that tobacco use had a "high prevalence among the world's poorest people," and suggested that the low life expectancy in some countries could be linked to high rates of diseases like HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis.

AFP



SOME OF the thousands of gold coins discovered on the SS Republic shipwreck site are pictured in this November 2003 handout photo released on May 18. Half a million silver coins and hundreds of gold coins have been recovered from a colonial-era shipwreck.

REUTERS

Atlantic Ocean shipwreck yields millions in treasure

MIAMI—EXPLORERS FOR A SHIPWRECK exploration company based in Tampa said Friday that they had located a treasure estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars in what may be the richest undersea treasure recovery yet.

Deep-ocean explorers for the company, Odyssey Marine Exploration, located more than 500,000 silver coins weighing more than 17 tons, along with hundreds of gold coins and other artifacts, in a Colonial-era shipwreck in an undisclosed location in the Atlantic Ocean, the company said in a statement.

The retail value of the silver coins ranges from a few hundred dollars to \$4,000 each, with the gold coins having a higher value, the company said.

"All recovered items have been legally imported into the United States and placed in a secure, undisclosed location where they are undergoing conservation and documentation," according to the statement.

The bountiful find is sure to reignite the long-running debate between undersea explorers and archaeologists, who view such treasure hunting as little more than modern-day piracy.

Kevin Crisman, an associate professor in the nautical archaeology program at Texas

A&M University, said salvage work on shipwrecks constituted "theft of public history and world history."

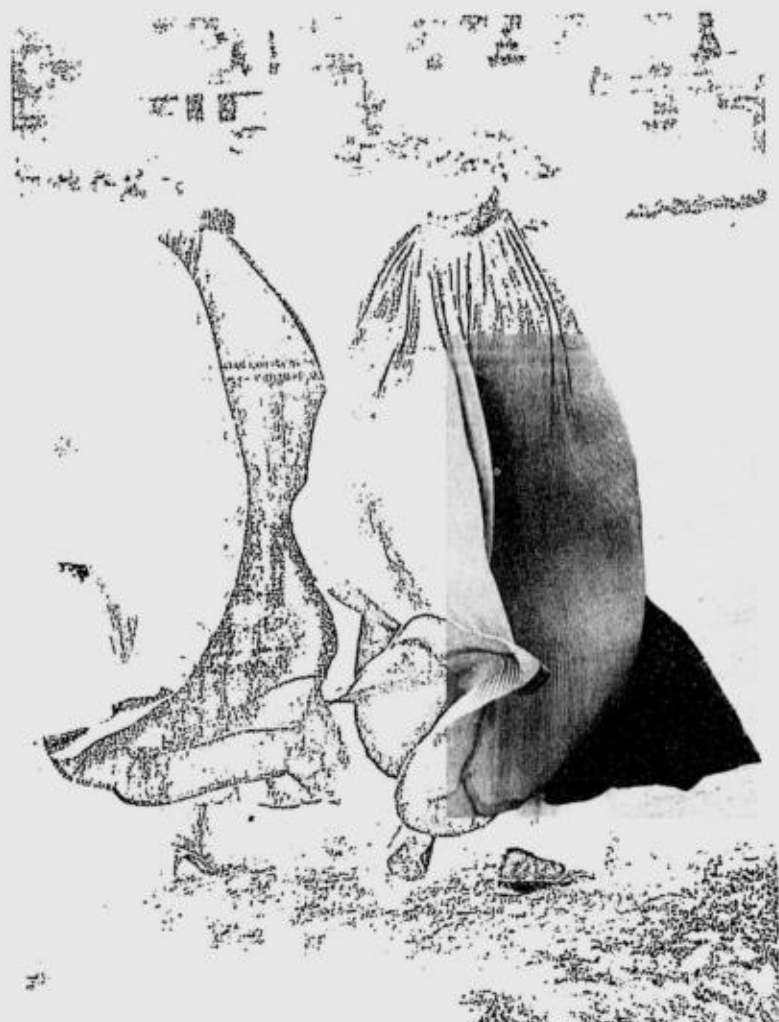
He complained that the allure of treasure hidden under the sea seemed to blind the public to the ethical implications. "If these guys went and planted a bunch of dynamite around the Sphinx, or tore up the floor of the Acropolis, they'd be in jail in a minute," he said.

Anticipating such comments, John Morris, the chief executive of Odyssey, said in a statement: "We have treated this site with kid gloves, and the archaeological work done by our team out there is unsurpassed. We are thoroughly documenting and recording the site, which we believe will have immense historical significance."

Robert W. Hoge, a curator at the American Numismatic Society in New York, questioned the secrecy surrounding the discovery and said that while it might be perfectly legitimate, the findings would have been better preserved in the hands of archaeologists.

"Whenever these finds are made by treasure hunters, their first thought is to sell instead of preserving," Hoge said. "They need to make money because they're a corporation with enormous expenses. They're not there to preserve history."

NYT



AFGHAN women, clad in burqas, walk along a street in Kabul, Afghanistan, on May 18.

Afghan blast kills 8, including 3 Germans

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN—A SUICIDE attacker blew himself up next to German soldiers shopping in a crowded market in northern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing eight people and wounding 16, officials said.

Three German soldiers were killed and two were wounded in the attack, said Gen. Noor Mohammad Omarhail, the deputy provincial police chief.

Five Afghan civilians were killed and 13 wounded, said Azizullah Safer, the director of the provincial health department. In addition, one translator working for the Germans was wounded.

German soldiers are responsible for northern Afghanistan, which sees relatively few attacks and is considered a much safer region than southern or eastern Afghanistan, where most of the country's fighting takes place.

Elsewhere, militants attacked US-led coalition and Afghan forces less than 120 km northeast of Kabul, sparking a rare gunbattle close to the capital that killed an estimated 20 militants, officials said Saturday.

While fighting in southern and eastern Afghanistan has picked up in recent weeks, battles so close to the capital are considerably rarer.

AP

EU, Russia clash over democracy at summit

VOLZHSKY UTYS, RUSSIA—RUSSIA'S President Vladimir Putin and European Union leaders clashed on Friday over democratic freedoms at a contentious summit where police stopped opposition protests.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel voiced concern after leading Kremlin opponents planning a protest near the summit venue—including chess legend Garry Kasparov—were prevented from traveling there by Russian authorities.

"I hope that they will be able to express

their opinion," Merkel told a joint news conference at the end of the two-day summit at which EU leaders discussed the state of democracy and human rights in Russia.

"If demonstrators throw stones, if they smash windows, then of course they should be curbed. But if someone has done nothing, if they just want to go to a demonstration, then it's different," Merkel said.

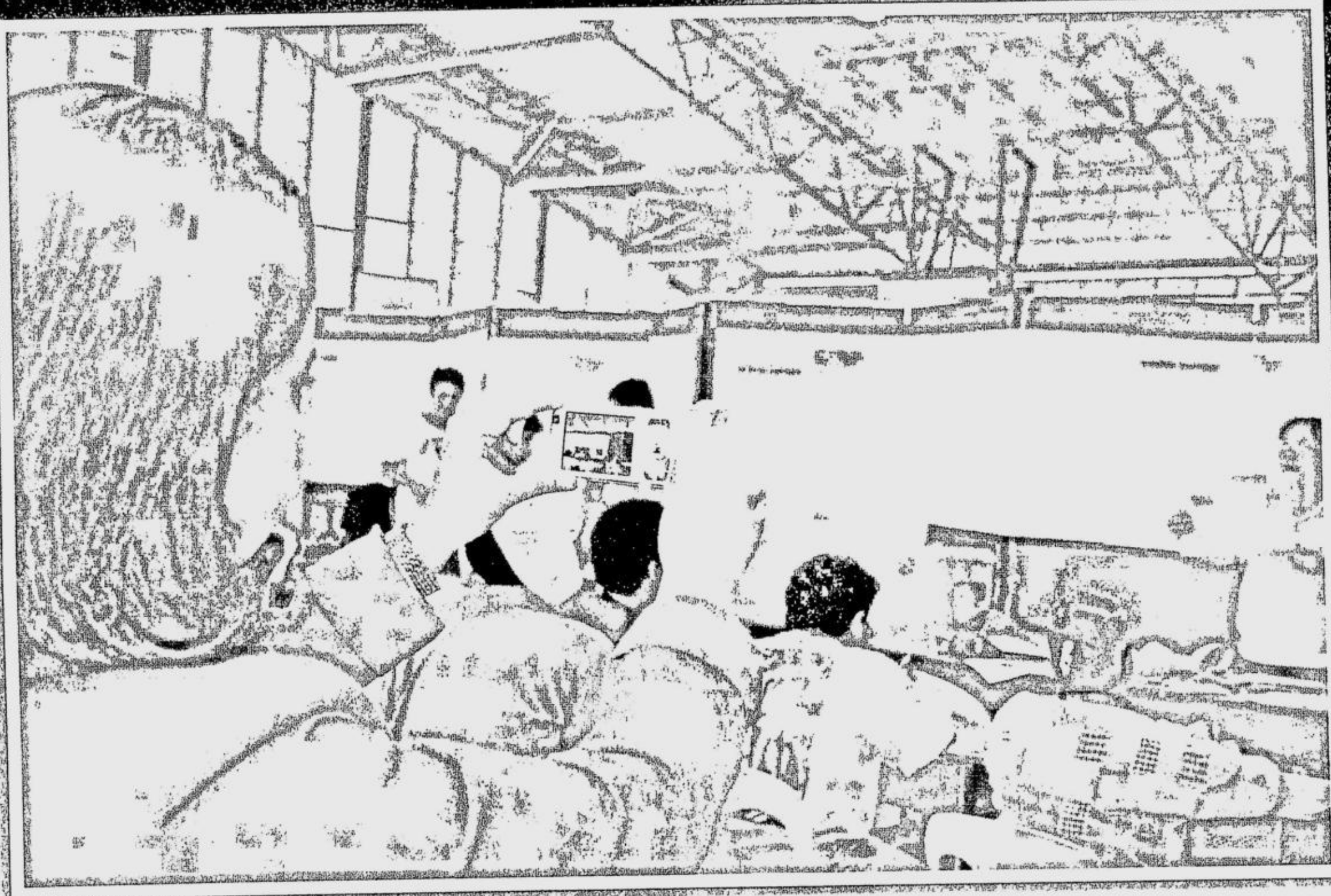
Police in Moscow stopped Kasparov and other leaders of The Other Russia opposition

coalition from boarding a plane for Samara where the protest was planned.

Putin testily defended "preventive measures" taken by Russian police ahead of the protest, comparing these to common practice in European countries, including in Germany.

The Russian leader, in turn, criticized the treatment of ethnic Russians in EU members Estonia and Latvia as "unworthy of Europe" and accused Estonian authorities of causing the death of a Russian national during riots last month.

AFP



GMA ELEKSYON 2007



Technology powered news reporting

Smart Communications Inc. (SMART), wireless subsidiary of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT), teams up with GMA7 this election season to bring the public "ELEKSYON 2007." This strategic partnership combines mobile and telecommunication services with GMA7's all-media expertise.

Nokia N95 units powered by SMART 3G were assigned to GMA7 reporters stationed in multiple remote sites nationwide. Reporters armed with SMART 3G phones can do live reporting and send video for playback at a later time. Reporters can report anytime, anywhere.

SMART 3G was very helpful in the major coverage because each reporter had the ability to disengage from their camera crews and still managed to capture developments on video.

SMART's Mobile Eye technology likewise proved to be beneficial in reporting from far-flung locations. "Kung may breaking news at wala kayo dun sa site, you can still get footage from the Mobile Eye straight to your 3G phone," says GMA7 producers.

The partnership between two industry pioneers is as commendable as their end goal—serving the Filipino people by delivering the truth as it unfolds.



GMA7's election coverage is powered by SMART 3G technology.

SMART's Mobile Eye technology allows reporters to capture footage from far-flung locations.



Reporters use SMART 3G phones to capture footage and communicate.



Reporters use SMART 3G phones to capture footage and communicate.



Reporters use SMART 3G phones to capture footage and communicate.



Reporters use SMART 3G phones to capture footage and communicate.



Reporters use SMART 3G phones to capture footage and communicate.



Reporters use SMART 3G phones to capture footage and communicate.



Reporters use SMART 3G phones to capture footage and communicate.



WHAT'S INSIDE

■ **Espiritu**
tops Padyak
Pinoy third
stage /A28

Editor **Teddyvic S. Melendres** Assistant Editor **Francis T. J. Ochoa** Website: www.inquirer.net/sports
Text us your feedback: inquirer_sprt_name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) E-mail: pr_sports@inquirer.com.ph

■ **Cavs,**
Spurs
make
final 4 /A29



FIBA ASIA CUP

RP 5 stuns Lebanon, gains semis

TEHRAN—THE PHILIPPINE QUINTET FINALLY created a stir Friday, surprising heavy favorite and Group A topnotcher Blue Star of Lebanon, 94-83, to barge into the semifinals of the 18th Fiba Asia Champions Cup at the Azadi Stadium here.

Playing under the San Miguel-RP banner, the Nationals shone on both ends of the floor with an unforgiving game that belied their scrambling start in this tournament where they were virtually blown off the court in their first three outings.

"We were playing our fifth game in five days and lacking one player (injured Tony dela Cruz), yet we found a way to win. All of these are the result of our fighting heart," said RP coach Chot Reyes.

Mark Caguioa's 25 points led four other Nationals in double figures and the Filipinos complemented their fiery shooting with a determined defense that boosted them out front by 18 at halftime, 57-39.

Dondon Hontiveros, Caguioa and Danny Seigle anchored the defense on Blue Star's explosive import William Pippen while Kerby Raymundo, Rico Villanueva and Raniel de Ocampo alternated in hounding Lebanon's most feared player, Fadi El Khatib.

Khatib still wound up with game highs of 28 points and 10 rebounds as he finally broke through the RP defense in the third quarter. Pippen, meanwhile, was held to just eight points, 17 less than his tournament average.

The win was also a welcome treat for PBA commissioner Noli Eala, who was impressed no end by the way the Nationals handled the concededly taller and heavier Lebanese.

"I like the energy of our players. They also played with so much heart and a lot of pride," said Eala, who arrived earlier Friday with Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas executive director nominee Patrick Gregorio.

"Now, they're achieving things that were desired but not expected. At this point, everything is gravy."

The Nationals, the only team playing here without imports, sealed a semifinal showdown Saturday against Syria's Al

Jalaa which crushed Young Cagers of India, 102-79.

The other semis pairing pits early qualifier Saba Battery of Iran and Qatar's Al Rayyan.

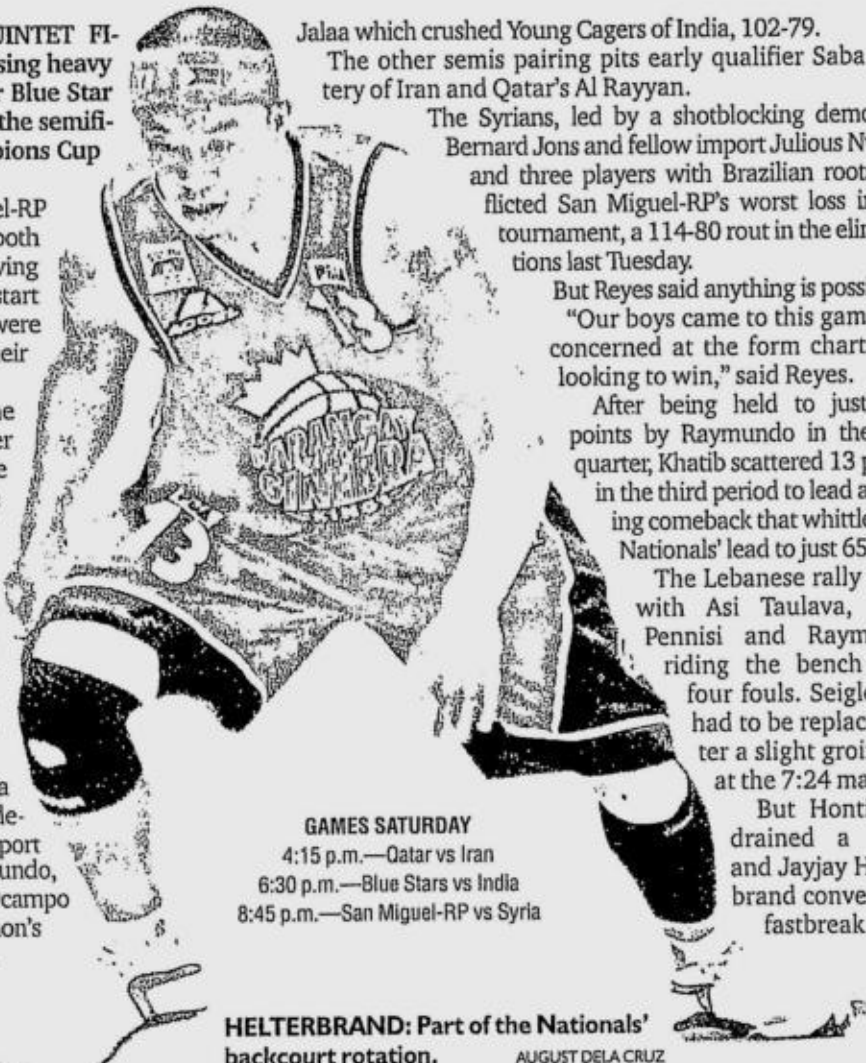
The Syrians, led by a shotblocking demon in Bernard Jons and fellow import Julious Nwosu and three players with Brazilian roots, inflicted San Miguel-RP's worst loss in the tournament, a 114-80 rout in the eliminations last Tuesday.

But Reyes said anything is possible. "Our boys came to this game not concerned at the form charts but looking to win," said Reyes.

After being held to just two points by Raymundo in the first quarter, Khatib scattered 13 points in the third period to lead a searing comeback that whittled the Nationals' lead to just 65-63.

The Lebanese rally came with Asi Taulava, Mick Pennisi and Raymundo riding the bench with four fouls. Seigle also had to be replaced after a slight groin pull at the 7:24 mark.

But Hontiveros drained a triple and Jayjay Helterbrand converted a fastbreak layup



GAMES SATURDAY
4:15 p.m.—Qatar vs Iran
6:30 p.m.—Blue Stars vs India
8:45 p.m.—San Miguel-RP vs Syria

HEILTERBRAND: Part of the Nationals' backcourt rotation. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

off his own steal to make it 70-63 heading into the final 10 minutes of play.

Taulava, offended because former Talk 'N Text consultant and current Blue Star coach Maz Trakh refused to double-team him, scattered six points and De Ocampo added two triples to stretch the Nationals' lead to 85-71 going into the last 4:21. The Nationals hit 35 of 75 shots, including 15 of 31 triple tries.

The scores

SAN MIGUEL-RP 94—Caguioa 25, De Ocampo 12, Alapag 11, Seigle 10, Hontiveros 10, Taulava 7, Helterbrand 7, Villanueva 6, Pennisi 6, Raymundo 0, Ritualo 0.
LEBANON 83—Khatib 28, Fahed 22, Carter 17, Pippen 6, Nour 5, Balaa 2, Samaha 0, Akl 0.
Quarters: 27-26; 57-39; 70-63; 94-83.

JB SPORTS
www.jbsports.com.ph

Summer SALE

SRP: P2,999.00
SALE PRICE: P1,999.00
SAVED: P1,000.00

MOUNTAIN BIKE (W/OUT SHOCKS)

SRP: P3,000.00
SALE PRICE: P2,899.00
SAVED: P1,001.00

EVERLAST 4250 6-PC SPEEDBALL SET

SRP: P3,000.00
SALE PRICE: P2,899.00
SAVED: P1,001.00

LA HOOPS JR 60630 BASKETBALL SET

SRP: P1,175.00
SALE PRICE: P500.00
SAVED: P675.00

GYMRO BK 1410 EXERCISE BIKE

SRP: P2,999.00
SALE PRICE: P2,499.00
SAVED: P500.00

TR20 MOTORIZED TREADMILL

SRP: P1,999.00
SALE PRICE: P1,499.00
SAVED: P500.00

GYMRO RM2150LA MULTI WEIGHT BENCH

VISIT OUR SHOWROOMS FOR MORE PROMO ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM!!!

• SM MALL OF ASIA 556-0572 / 556-0834 • SM VALENZUELA 291-0348 / 292-4221 • SM PAMPANGA (045) 961-1631
• SM CEBU (032) 233-9495 • SM DAVAO (082) 297-8266 • HARRISON PLAZA 526-3733 / 523-7041
• PARKSQUARE 1 840-5346 / 892-1025 • ATC, ALABANG 809-1726 / 842-9545
• RUSTANS, CUBAO 912-6306 / 911-2367 • TRINOMA 916-6305

APPROVED BY DTI-MCR PERMIT NO. 0077 SERIES OF 2007

ASIA INTERNATIONAL AUCTIONEERS, INC.
Your Best Source of Quality Machines in Asia

TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT
4-DAY Public Auction
(Sale Starts at 8:00 A.M.)
MAY 30, 31-JUNE 1 & 2, 2007
(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Inspection Dates:
MAY 26-27-28 & 29
(Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Tuesday)

AUCTION STYLE: PARADE

Awarded as Philippines #1 USED TRUCK DEALER

2500+ units to be sold

146 - EXCAVATORS
1 of 5 - 2004 CAT 320C REGA

58 - BULLDOZERS
1 of 4 - CAT D7F W/ RIPPER

41 - WHEEL LOADERS
2001 TCM L40

25 - MOTOR GRADERS
1 of 3 - MITSUBISHI MG230 ARTICULATED

76 - CARGO TRUCKS
1 of 2 - HINO FARGO TRUCK (Late Model)

59 - REEFER VANS
1 of 10 - ISUZU FARGO REEFER VANS (Late Model)

240 - DUMP TRUCKS
2 of 8 - ISUZU GIGA LONG DUMP TRUCKS

3 - GENERATOR TRUCKS
2 of 3 - MITSUBISHI CANTER GENERATOR TRUCK W/ 75KVA GENSET

22 - TRAILERS
2 of 4 - TANKER TRAILERS - 20KL

GENERATOR SETS
VARIOUS 10 - 220 KVA

- REAL MACHINE FOR THE REAL JOB! -

Inquire & Register on-line via: www.asia-intl-auctioneers.com
Lower Mau Camp Argonaut Hi-way, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines
Tel: +6347-252-3333 Fax: +6347-252-6840 / 252-1443 E-mail: asia@asiaintl.com

ORIX METRO Leasing & Finance Corp. (02) 858-8888

United Auctioneers, Inc.
INSPECTION DATES: MAY 19, 20 & 21, 2007
INSPECTION & REGISTRATION ON GOING...

2006 Most Outstanding Heavy Equipment Auction

BEST EQUIPMENT PRICE QUALITY DEALER

AVAILABLE ON-LINE PRE-REGISTRATION

"NO MINIMUM PRICE"
3-DAY PARADE AUCTION
MAY 22, 23 & 24, 2007
(TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY)
SALE STARTS AT 8:30 A.M. SHARP

HITACHI EX220LC-2

MITSUBISHI LG2H

KOMATSU WA500

CATERPILLAR D4D

ISUZU 10W REFRIGERATED WING VAN

ISUZU 10W STAINLESS CHEMICAL TANKER

ISUZU ELF GARBAGE COMPACTOR

BRAND NEW MINI BUS

TOYOTA RAV4

LEXUS LX470

THE PREMIER SOURCE OF EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS!

BLDG. 1455 ARGONAUT HIGHWAY, TEL. NOS: (047) 252-1129 * 252-1155 TO 58 * (02) 920-0810
SUBIC BAY FREEPORT, PHILIPPINES (02) 711-5270 * CEL NOS: (0917) 7262824 * (0917) 8187000
FAX NO.: (047) 252-5569 E-MAIL: uasubic@uai.gotdns.com * WEBSITE: www.uasubic.gotdns.com

TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT FINANCING AVAILABLE THRU ORIX METRO LEASING & FINANCING CORP. TEL. (02) 858-8888



RIDERS get a splash of soothing water from a fire truck water hose after the Padyak Pinoy third stage.

BOY CABRERO

Espiritu tops 3rd stage, pads Padyak Pinoy lead

By Musong R. Castillo

ALAMINOS CITY—VICTOR ESPIRITU SAID he'll defend the yellow jersey the best way he can.

He never said anything about offense being his best defense.

Espiritu, finding the up-and-down third stage yesterday to his liking, outduelled defending champion Santy Barnachea in a wild finish to this coastal city to win lap honors and pad his overall lead in the 2007 Tanduy Padyak Pinoy.

The 1996 winner kicked with ferocity in the long final straight and claimed his first lap win in four years, clocking 3 hours, 48 minutes and 23.95 seconds at the end the 166-kilometer journey from humid Cabanatuan in Nueva Ecija to this tropical resort city.

Espiritu now has a nine-second lead over new second placer Barnachea, who made his move when no one was watching in the mountain town of Sual, which has an elevation of 116 meters above sea level.

"What I really wanted to do was just be in

the lead group," Espiritu, who won 11 years ago as a rookie, said in Filipino. "After the King of the Mountain checkpoint (in Sual), I saw Santy and poured it on in the last kilometer.

"I'll still defend it (yellow jersey), because that's the job of anyone who wears it," added Espiritu, who actually caught up with a seven-man breakaway group led by Barnachea about 65 km to the finish line.

"I wanted to win the stage so much," Barnachea, who won this event over Frederick Feliciano last year, said. "But I lost wind near the finish and I couldn't keep up with Victor."

The brief mountain-climbing test shook up the standings, with some of the big guns, most notable among them Feliciano, dropping all the way down to 13th spot, 1:46 behind.

"That's still OK," Feliciano, a feared beast in the mountains who was runner-up last year, told the INQUIRER in Filipino. "As long as I stay within two minutes of whoever is leading before we hit (the) Baguio (stages), I think I'm still in good shape."

Oscar Rendole was third, 51.57 seconds be-

hind, while Joel Calderon checked in fourth in 3:49:15.52 to move to third place in the overall race, 1:15 behind.

Ericson Obosa, who won the Quezon City to Cabanatuan stage for the second time on Friday, was ninth yesterday and dropped out of third spot to sixth place, 1:33 behind. Rendole occupied fifth 1:26 back.

The event now tackles its longest route of 267 km from here to Vigan today, with the standings expected to be muddled up a little bit since the stage will feature long sprint stretches and steep climbs on the way to the antique city.

Merculio Ramos and Lloyd Reynante, two seasoned internationalists who are making their return to this event along with Espiritu, dropped out of the Top 10, with Ramos now in 12th spot after checking in 10th for the day in 3:49:43.15.

Reynante, whom Espiritu said at the start of the race is the man to beat, arrived with the main wave of riders that checked in more than 1:30 behind. He is now in 15th spot, 1:50 adrift.

STAGE 3 RESULTS

2007 Tanduy-Padyak Pinoy
Cabanatuan City to Alaminos City (166 km)

1. V. Espiritu (Wow Magic Sing), 3 hours: 48 minutes: 23.95 seconds
2. S. Barnachea (Champion), same time
3. O. Rendole (Cool Pap), 3:49:15.52
4. J. Calderon (Caltex), same time
5. E. Ballozer (Cossack Vodka), same time
6. O. Fronda (Air21), same time
7. E. Alagano (Air21), same time
8. E. Alagano (Cargohaus), 3:49:43.15
9. E. Obosa (Bacchus), same time
10. M. Ramos (U-Freight), same time
11. M. Reyes (Cossack Vodka), same time
12. B. Ravina (Cool Pap), same time
13. D. Hardin (Caltex), same time
14. B. Luzon (Cool Pap), same time
15. A. Benosa (U-Freight), same time
16. B. Lopez (Air21), same time
17. A. Quirmit (Mail & More), same time
18. O. Villanueva (Champion), 3:49:57.47
19. J. Barantes (Mail & More), same time
20. C. Nadyahan (Caltex), same time
21. A. Calipio (Bacchus), same time
22. J. Guevara (Bacchus), same time
23. A. Basingo (Vis-Min Team Selection), same time
24. D. Cagas (Bacchus), same time
25. R. Sambrano (Cossack Vodka), same time
26. R. Clauza (Caltex), same time
27. M. Alconar (Vellum), same time
28. H. Mangahis (Cool Pap), same time
29. J. Garillo (Cargohaus), same time
30. L. Dimasano (Cossack Vodka), same time
31. A. Asuncion (Cargohaus), same time
32. F. Feliciano (Vellum), same time
33. J. Salcedo (Mail & More), same time
34. E. Quirmit (Vellum), same time
35. J. Tolentino (Caltex), same time
36. I. Valenzuela (Cossack Vodka), same time
37. J. Quenas (Mail & More), same time
38. L. Reynante (Air21), same time

39. A. Miranda (Air21), same time
 40. E. Opilla (U-Freight), same time
 41. R. Pagala (Air21), same time
 42. N. Pablo (Cargohaus), same time
 43. H. Sicam (Wow Magic Sing), same time
 44. J. Abelo (Cool Pap), same time
- OVERALL INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS
1. V. Espiritu (Wow Magic Sing), 6:41:31
 2. S. Barnachea (Champion), 6:41:41
 3. J. Calderon (Caltex), 6:42:47
 4. F. Alagano (Air21), 6:42:54
 5. O. Rendole (Cool Pap), 6:42:58
 6. E. Obosa (Bacchus), 6:43:04
 7. A. Benosa (U-Freight), 6:43:15
 8. A. Quirmit (Mail & More), 6:43:07
 9. B. Ravina (Cool Pap), 6:43:11
 10. E. Alagano (Cargohaus), 6:43:12
 11. B. Luzon (Cool Pap), 6:43:14
 12. M. Ramos (U-Freight), 6:43:15
 13. F. Feliciano (Vellum), 6:43:18
 14. M. Reyes (Cossack Vodka), same time
 15. L. Reynante (Air21), 6:43:22
 16. R. Sambrano (Cossack Vodka), 6:43:27
 17. J. Quenas (Mail & More), same time
 18. D. Cagas (Bacchus), 6:43:28
 19. H. Sicam (Wow Magic Sing), 6:43:30
 20. E. Quirmit (Vellum), 6:43:33
- OVERALL TEAM STANDINGS
1. Cool Pap, 26 hours: 39 minutes: .037 seconds
 2. Caltex, 26:39:12.759
 3. Cossack Vodka, 26:39:40.618
 4. Mail & More, 26:39:54.749
 5. Air21, 26:41:45.747
 6. Vellum, 26:42:22.749
 7. Bacchus, 26:42:56.643
 8. Champion, 26:45:04.719
 9. U-Freight, 26:45:15.010
 10. Cargohaus, 26:46:22.553
 11. Wow Magic Sing, 26:46:28.507
 12. Vis-Min Team Selection, 26:57:11.859

Cool Pap cyclists ahead

ALAMINOS CITY—COOL PAP PUT three riders in the top 15 finishers of yesterday's third stage of the 2007 Tanduy Padyak Pinoy from Cabanatuan to here and wrested the team lead from defending champion Cossack Vodka.

Oscar Rendole was third behind Victor Espiritu and Santy Barnachea in the 166-kilometer journey, while Baler Ravina was 12th and Bernard Luzon 14th as Cool Pap totaled 15 hours, 18 minutes and 34.292 seconds, which was second for the stage behind team lap winner Air21's 15:18:11.663.

Caltex jumped to second in the standings, 12.762 seconds behind

Cool Pap's 26:39:00.037 and close to 28 seconds ahead of the Cossack riders.

Cossack wound up fourth for the stage, clocking 15:18:53.612. The team champion goes home with P500,000 in prize money, with second place worth P400,000.

Cossack coach Renato Dolosa believes that his squad is still in prime shape to repeat despite dropping out of the lead.

The Padyak Pinoy's longest stage is on tap today, a 267-km trip to Vigan from here where the individual and team standings are expected to be shaken up.

Bayron 6 shots off

JAY BAYRON CARDED

a two-over 72 and stayed six shots behind three-day leader Anirban Lahiri of India in the third round of the 105th Malaysian Amateur Open at the Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, yesterday.

As erstwhile contender Michael Bibat sputtered with a 75, Bayron moved into contention with an 11-over 221 heading into the final round of the 72-hole championship, a world-ranking amateur tournament.

Gene Bondoc scored an ace on the 175-yard No. 3 with a 5-iron but the Asian Games veteran could only finish with a 76 and a 229 in a tie with compatriot Marcel Puyat, who had a 75.

Lahiri matched Bayron's 72 output as the field continued to struggle on the tight, hazard-laden lay-



BAYRON

out. But the 19-year-old bet from Bangalore remained in control with a 215 for a four-shot lead over Singaporean Goh Kun Yan, who had a 219 after a 70.

Local bet Kalana Ibrahim also moved within striking distance at 220 after matching par 70 while Bayron joined a host of others at 221, one ahead of Bibat, who started the round just four shots off Lahiri but reeled back with that five-over card for a 222.

Miko Alejandro shot a 73 to join Bibat at 222 while last week's Sabah Amateur Open winner Ferdie Aunzo stood at 225 after a 75.

Anthony Fernando actually shot the day's best for the ICTSI-backed RP squad, firing a one-over 71 but he remained 11 strokes off the pace at 226, the same output of Dante Becerra, who had a 74.

Mactan Economic Zone

PEZA Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Various Electrical Equipment and Supplies for Mactan Economic Zone

1. The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), through its Corporate Operating Budget for the CY 2006 intends to apply the sum of P9,519,000.00 being the Approved Budget for Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Various Electrical Equipment for Mactan Economic Zone. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. The PEZA now calls for the submission of Letters of Intent (LOIs), certified copy of Phil-GEPS Certificate of Registration, and proof of enrolment with the e-FPS from potential bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the supply and delivery of the following:

ITEMS	QUANTITY	ABC (Pbn)
A. BILLING METER	100 units	P6,000,000.00
- Watthour Demand Meter, Electronic		
B. POWER EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES		P1,964,000.00
- Distribution Transformer, 50 kVA	6 units	(P500,000.00)
- Current Transformer, 13.8 kV	12 units	(P720,000.00)
- Potential Transformer, 13.8 kV	12 pieces	(P600,000.00)
- Current Transformer, 600 V, dual ratio: 400/800.5A	12 pieces	(P72,000.00)
- Current Transformer, 600V, dual ratio: 600/1200.5A	12 pieces	(P72,000.00)
C. TOOLS AND SUPPLIES		P955,000.00
- Test Switch	50 pieces	(P375,000.00)
- Royal Card	5 rolls	(P100,000.00)
- Crimping/Compression Tool	1 set	(P200,000.00)
- Snap-on Grounding Clamps	1 set	(P130,000.00)
- Large Impact Tool	1 unit	(P150,000.00)
D. TEST EQUIPMENT		P600,000.00
- Digital Low Resistance Ohmmeter	1 set	(P600,000.00)
TOTAL		P9,519,000.00

3. Bidders should have completed a single similar contract with a value of at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC within the last three (3) years and met the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the Eligibility Documents.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the PEZA and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM on 07 May 2007 to 21 May 2007.

5. Interested bidders must submit their LOIs, certified copy of their Phil-GEPS Certificate of Registration and e-FPS enrolment not later than 21 May 2007 at the address given below and secure the complete set of Bidding Documents therefrom upon payment of a non-refundable fee the amount of fee are as follows:

Item	ABC	Fee
A. BILLING METER	P6,000,000.00	P5,000.00
B. POWER EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES	P1,964,000.00	P1,000.00
C. TOOLS AND SUPPLIES	P955,000.00	P1,000.00
D. TEST EQUIPMENT	P600,000.00	P1,000.00

6. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only Bids from eligible Bidders will be opened. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184 a contract will only be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.

7. The PEZA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on 08 June 2007 at 2:00 PM at the address given below.

8. Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the address below on or before 2:00 PM of 21 June 2007. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of GSIS Surety Bond in the amount of not less than 2.5% of the ABC or in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit in amount of not less than 1% of the ABC specific to the line item. Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall be on 21 June 2007, 2:00 PM at the address given below. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

9. In case any of the above date/s is declared as a non-working holiday, it will automatically be rescheduled on the next working day (same time).

10. Delivery is required within ninety (90) calendar days from date of receipt of the Notice to Proceed.
11. The PEZA reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) BELENA B. SUELLO
BAC Chairman

(PDI - May 6 & 20, 2007)

Department of Social Welfare and Development Batasan Pambansa Complex, Quezon City BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID Supply and Delivery of Various Information Technology Equipment for e-NGAS [IAEB No. GOP/07-DSWD-012]

1. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), through the General Administrative and Support Services Group (GASSG) Fund intends to apply the sum of Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (PHP8,940,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for "Supply and Delivery of Various Information Technology Equipment for e-NGAS" with IAEB No. GOP/07-DSWD-012, broken down as follows:

Lot No.	Particulars	Quantity	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)
1	High End Server	12 units	P 6,000,000.00
2	High End Laserjet Network Printer	12 units	P 600,000.00
3	High End Desktop Computer	36 units	P 2,340,000.00
GRAND TOTAL			P 8,940,000.00

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the supply and delivery of various information technology equipment. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.

3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.

4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from DSWD BAC Secretariat and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from Monday to Friday at 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) starting May 17, 2007. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

6. The DSWD will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on May 31, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the 2nd Floor Administrative Conference Room (Old Building).

7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before 9:30 a.m. on June 13, 2007. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of cash, manager's check or cashier's check and in the minimum amount of at least one percent (1%) of the ABC of the Lot to which the bidder intends to participate. Combination of two (2) or more of any of the foregoing forms is not allowed. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

8. Bid opening shall be on June 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the DSWD Central Office 2nd Floor, Old Building, Administrative Conference Room Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

9. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

THE BAC CHAIRPERSON
DSWD Bids and Awards Committee
c/o BAC Secretariat
2nd Floor, DSWD Old Building,
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Quezon City
Telefax no.: 951-7116
Trunkline No.: 931-8101 Local 217

(Sgd.) A/SEC. FLORITA R. VILLAR
BAC Chairperson

(PDI - May 20 & 27, 2007)



Republic of the Philippines Province of Aklan Invitation for Bids

Date: May 20, 2007
Contract ID No: SP-060-EQ-13 to 17
World Bank Loan No: 4448 PH

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of the Local Government Finance and Development (LOGOFIND) Project and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the Supply, Delivery, Placing and Installation of Additional Hospital Equipment for the Expansion, Rehabilitation and Upgrading of the DRSTMH to a Second Level Referral Hospital. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.

2. The Province of Aklan invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following:

- Lot A - Defibrillator Monitor (3 units)
- Lot B - Ventilator Comprehensive Unit (4 units)
- Lot C - Patient Monitor (4 units) and Pulse Oximeter (4 units)
- Lot D - Syringe Pump (4 units) and Infusion Pump (4 units)
- Lot E - Operating Room Table (1 unit)

3. Bidding documents may be purchased starting May 21, 2007 during office hours from 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. at Sub-Project Management Office (SPMO), DRSTMH Project Site, Mabini Avenue, Kalibo, Aklan for a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00). Interested bidders may obtain further information at the SPMO, tel nos: 036-268-97-81.

4. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a bid security for each lot in the amount of: Lot A - Php 63,700.00, Lot B - Php 180,000.00, Lot C - Php 83,800.00, Lot D - Php 43,800.00 and Lot E - Php 41,000.00 in a form of cash, certified check or bank guarantee issued by a commercial bank and shall be delivered to Office of the BAC Chairman, Bidding Room, PGSO Building, Capitol Site, Kalibo, Aklan on or before June 19, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

5. A pre-bid conference will be held on June 05, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., at the Office of the BAC Chairman, Bidding Room, PGSO Building, Capitol Site, Kalibo, Aklan.

(Sgd.) VICTORY M. FERNANDEZ
Provincial Engineer/BAC Chairman

(PDI - May 20, 2007)

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007

SundaySPORTS

A29

Olympic steps

IT SEEMS THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE are still not too clear on what it would take for the Philippine basketball team to qualify for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

will be a cinch, just as it had been in the past.

From here, we move on to the Fiba Asia Men's Championship in Tokushima, Japan, which in turn is the qualifier for the Beijing Olympics.

Exactly how do we get there?

Most people are confused regarding the number of slots that will be made available to Asia in the Olympics. Will there be one or two? Some people are thinking there might even be three, to include the automatic slot given to the host country.

My informed source, who requests anonymity, said there will be two slots: One for Asia and one for China as the host country, regardless of how it will fare in the qualifier.

"It's very simple, if China wins the Fiba Asia championship, the runner-up will take the second Olympic slot. However, in the unlikely event that China fails to do this, the champion team will take the other Olympic slot," he explained.

My source said that although it will be hard to predict how the powerhouse countries will perform in the Fiba Asia, we are lucky that China will be sending only its second team (Team B) to the Tokushima meet, meaning the NBA's Yao Ming will not be there.

"Does this mean that the Chinese are not taking this tournament too seriously? Otherwise, why should they be fielding in only their Team B?" I asked my source.

Instantly, he cautioned me not to use the word "only" because China's second team is composed of tall, fast and young players whose average height is 6-3.

"It will still be the team to beat in the Fiba Asia," he said.

Had the schedule of the Continental Stankovic Cup not been in conflict with the Fiba Asia Championship, for sure China would be sending its Team A to compete there.

"Since China is focused on the competition in the Beijing Olympics, naturally they will choose the tournament with the better exposure. The strongest teams from all over the world—from Europe to Africa—will be competing in the Stankovic Cup. Only China comes from Asia. Yao Ming will play there."

Boy, Am I glad that our team won over Lebanon in the ongoing Fiba Asia Champions Cup in Tehran, Iran.

What really scared me was head coach Chot Reyes' plan to skip the consolation round should we fail to qualify for the quarterfinal round.

Chot's pronouncement to sit out the rest of the games which will be used by the organizers for purposes of ranking was published in a broadsheet recently.

I know there's a penalty for this and the implementation will depend on the organizer. If the team is given the go signal, they could get away with it.

Still, I don't think it will look good for us, considering that we should be ambassadors of goodwill.

For Raymond Yu and Terry Que, it was a long journey back home after their two last losses to Sta. Lucia and last Friday, to Red Bull. Raymond says it always feels like driving through a heavy traffic every time they leave the venue after the loss.

And these are many: Only 12 losses to three wins.

This record must be making the Welcoat owners very, very depressed. Raymond, for one, admits that he hasn't gotten over the culture shock.

In the PBL, the figures are reversed. Maybe three losses to 12 wins.

Raymond and Terry are not used to losing.

The two are also learning how to handle imports, a commodity new to them.

"Why is it that the really talented imports have bad attitude while those with the good attitude on the other hand, are lacking in talent," Raymond wondered.

I told him one day he'll find the perfect import.

EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY—LeBron James scored 23 points, and the Cleveland Cavaliers advanced to the NBA Eastern Conference finals for the first time in 15 years with an 88-72 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Friday.

Cleveland won the series, 4-2, and heads to Detroit on Monday for its third appearance in a conference finals and the first since 1992. James, who had eight rebounds and eight assists, needed only four years to get the Cavaliers into the NBA's final four.

Donyell Marshall also came bearing gifts on his 34th birthday, sinking an array of three-pointers that helped put his team in the semifinals.

Marshall scored 18 points on 6-of-10 shooting—all from beyond the arc.

James spent most of the third quarter on the bench in foul trouble and Cleveland managed just eight points. New Jersey cut what had been a 22-point deficit to one, but James returned and reserves Marshall and Daniel Gibson hit big shots and the Nets never could take the lead.

Gibson added eight points. He and Marshall had combined for 26 points total in the first five games of the series.

Jason Kidd had 19 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists for the Nets, who lost in the conference semifinals for the second straight year.

Spurs 114, Suns 106

At San Antonio, Manu Ginobili had 33

points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio, which beat Phoenix to advance to the Western Conference finals for the third time in five years.

Tony Parker added 30 points and Tim Duncan had 24 points, 13 rebounds and a career-high nine blocked shots for the Spurs, who saw a 20-point lead cut to five late in the game, but they held on to win the series in six games.

San Antonio will host the Utah Jazz on Sunday in the opening game of the Western Conference finals.

The Suns had All-NBA first-team selection Amare Stoudemire and Boris Diaw back from their one-game suspensions for leaving the bench area during an altercation. Stoudemire led the Suns with 38 points and 12 rebounds. AP

Rockets release coach

HOUSTON, TEXAS—JEFF VAN Gundy will not be back as head coach of the Houston Rockets, general manager Daryl Morey announced Friday.

Reports first emerged about Van Gundy's coaching future a day after the Rockets lost a decisive Game 7 on their home floor against the Utah Jazz in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs on May 5.

Van Gundy and the organization were unable to come to an agreement despite a prolonged negotiat-

ing period in which Van Gundy requested and was offered an opportunity to stay within the organization in a senior consultant capacity.

"He asked for, and was granted, additional time to evaluate his situation with the agreement that we would begin looking into other candidates," Morey said.

Van Gundy had coached the Rockets for four seasons, making the playoffs every year, except 2006. AFP



CLEVELAND Cavaliers' LeBron James scores 23 points on Friday as they put down the New Jersey Nets, 4-2, to advance to the semifinals against the Detroit Pistons. AP

Ochoa grabs share of Sybase lead; Delasin 19th

PATERSON—A LATE CHARGE BY DEFENDING champion Lorena Ochoa provided her with a first-place tie after Friday's second round of the Sybase Classic.

With five birdies during a clean nine

holes coming in, the 2006 Player of the Year carded a 5-under-par 67 to draw even with first-round leader Sarah Lee in the \$1.4-million event at Upper Montclair Country Club.

Tied for second after an opening-round 68, Ochoa was erratic in her first nine holes, matching three birdies with three bogeys before putting together her birdie blitz.

Fil-American Dorothy Delasin was tied for 19th with nine others at 1-under 143.

Jennifer Rosales withdrew after an even-par 72 in the first-round. AFP

Preakness Stakes today

BALTIMORE—STREET SENSE HAD just returned from his first gallop around Pimlico Race Course, and the Kentucky Derby winner was enjoying a sponge bath outside the Preakness Stakes barn under the watchful eye of Carl Nafzger.

"Great. Perfect," the trainer declared on Friday as the dark bay colt was being led back to stall No. 40, the traditional home of the Derby winner. "He handled it good, did everything right. He relaxed, jogged back by the crowd ... I'm confident."

Now it's on to the real challenge: Win the \$1 million Preakness Stakes

on Saturday, then attempt to become the first US Triple Crown champion since Affirmed in 1978 by capturing the Belmont Stakes in three weeks.

And there sure seems to be a sense of victory in the air.

"If we get by this one," said the colt's jockey, Calvin Borel, "I think we can win the next one."

Street Sense is the 7-5 favorite in a field of nine 3-year-olds. Three other Derby horses are back for another shot—runner-up Hard Spun, third-place finisher Curlin and Circular Quay, who was sixth. AP

BEACH FOOTBALL FEVER HITS CALATAGAN

Beach football, one of the upcoming outdoor sports in the country, takes center stage as Rudy Project, the leading brand of specialty eyewear for sports and the active lifestyle, presents the 1st Rudy Project Beach Football Invitational in Playa Calatagan on Saturday, May 26, 2007.

Thirty teams in the men's and ladies' open divisions picked from among the best university and club league teams will be competing for top honors in the day-long sporting event.

Beach football is making waves all over the world as a new, exciting outdoor sports craze. Played barefoot, each team is composed of 10 players, with 5 players a side playing two 12-minute halves.

Gabriele Boschi, Vice-President of Rudy Project Philippines, said that Rudy Project is honored to have the opportunity to present this event for all football and beach enthusiasts to enjoy. "Summertime is the best time to enjoy the sea, the sand and engage in outdoor sports activities. With the 1st Rudy Project Beach Football Invitational, we are happy to help promote a fast-growing outdoor sport in the country", Boschi said.

Playa Calatagan, located a mere two and a half hours away from Makati, plays host to the event. Alby Burgos, SVP of Landco Pacific, said "We at Playa Calatagan are happy to be part of this event. We have been preparing the venue to be at its best come tournament day for the participants and spectators to enjoy," Burgos added.

Playa Calatagan and Smart Communications, Inc., the country's leading wireless services provider are co-presentors of the 1st Rudy Project Beach Football Invitational. Major sponsors include Nestle, Unilever brands Axe and Rexona, Rush fitness water and Ford Escape.

Leading teams from the university league like UST, Ateneo and La Salle join club league teams from Kaya, Union, and Spain FC in a scramble for trophies and medals for the top three teams in each division. Special prizes likewise will be given to the tournament MVP, best striker and best goalkeeper in both divisions.

Philippine Daily Inquirer is the exclusive media broadsheet partner for this event, together with Sunday Inquirer Magazine, who is sponsoring a ladies' team in the event.



Republika ng Pilipinas
Kagawaran ng Pagsasaka
PAMBANSANG PANGASIWAAN NG
PAGSASAKA AT PANGINGISDA
(National Agricultural and Fishery Council)
Diliman, Lungsod ng Quezon
Tel. No. 928-87-41 to 65 local 510

Tender No.: 30TH 2KR GAUF FY 2006

INVITATION TO BID

The National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC) hereby invites sealed bids for the sale of 15,607 metric tons of ammonium sulphate fertilizer with shipment date on or before August 15, 2007 under 2KR Grant Assistance for Underprivileged Farmers for Fiscal Year 2006.

Bid documents shall be available for issuance starting May 21, 2007 from NAFC BAC Secretariat upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00).

For purposes of clarification, a pre-bid conference will be held on May 23, 2007, 2:00 p.m. at the Apacible Conference Room, Apacible Hall, DA Compound, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Fully completed sealed bids should be submitted not later than 2:00 p.m. on May 30, 2007. Bids submitted after the scheduled time will not be accepted.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Floreliz P. Avellana at Tel. Nos. 929-82-34 and 920-39-92.

(Sgd.) ELMER G. ESTIANDAN
BAC Chairman

(PDI - May 19 & 20, 2007)



Republika ng Pilipinas
Republic of the Philippines
KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City
Telephone: 635-65-42
Direct Line: 636-65-43
Trunk Line: 632-13-61 Local 2115
Website: <http://www.deped.gov.ph>

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The DepED-Bids and Awards Committee (DepED-BAC) invites eligible bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for Printing and Delivery of the following:

Package	Approved Budget for the Contract	Pre-Bid Conference	Bid Submission deadline/ Opening of Bids	Price of Bidding Documents (non-refundable)	End user
Printing (from camera ready materials) and Delivery of 48,000 Copies Exponential Learning Courses (ELCs) Handbook	Php4,000,000.00	May 24, 2007, 10:00 A.M.	June 6, 2007, 10:00 A.M.	Php2,000.00	Teacher Education Council (TEC)

Bids received that exceed the ABC shall be rejected.

The Venue for Pre-Bid Conference and Submission and Opening of Bids is at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City.

The Bidding Documents shall be available at the BAC Secretariat, Procurement Service, Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City, starting on May 18, 2007 upon payment in cash of the non-refundable fee indicated above.

Bidding shall be conducted in accordance with procedures in R.A. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. Information is also available at <http://www.deped.gov.ph> or www.procurement.gov.ph or call DepED-PS at telephone no. 635-65-43 or Fax no. 636-65-42.

DepED-BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, or declare failure of bidding at any time prior to contract award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected parties.

(Sgd.) RAMON C. BACANI
Undersecretary and BAC Chairperson

(PDI - May 20, 2007)

DENSO

AUTHORIZED DIESEL FUEL INJECTION PUMP CALIBRATION SERVICE CENTERS

- > Genuine Parts
- > Sophisticated Tools & Testing Equipments for Accurate Testing
- > Highly Technical Staff
- > Reasonable & Affordable Repair

- NCR
Binondo (02) 244-3333, 241-0479
Quezon City (02) 732-2786, 415-7701
Alabang (02) 771-1137
- LUZON
Baguio (074) 444-7683
Benguet (074) 422-2680
Tuguegarao (078) 844-1071
Urdaneta (075) 568-4443
Pampanga (045) 961-5040
- VISAYAS
Iloilo (033) 336-3110
Cebu (032) 419-0115
- MINDANAO
Cagayan de Oro (088) 856-1959
Davao City (082) 234-0371
Gen Santos (083) 302-3082

- Engineering Excellence for a Cleaner Tomorrow -

Sunday SPORTS

Text us your feedback: inquirer.sprt name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

12 young shuttlers to SEA Games?

DESPITE A MEDAL SHUTOUT in 2005, the Philippine Badminton Association yesterday expressed confidence that it could justify its endorsement of a youth-laden team of 12 players to this year's Thailand Southeast Asian Games.

Composed mostly of players

17-18 years old, national team coach Errol Chan said the squad will either be sent to China to train for three to six months or work under Malaysian or Indonesian coaches here.

"These athletes will have to make the sacrifice of skipping

school for months of training," Chan said.

While he refused to name the roster, he said the team will still be led by siblings Kennie and Kennevic Asuncion, the only internationally ranked players in the country.

The Asuncions, ranked 16th

in the world mixed doubles, are also gunning for outright qualification to the Beijing Olympic next year.

The national team hopefuls are being groomed to replace veterans who have failed to create an impact in a sport dominated by Asians.

Chan met with the SEAG Task Force and was told to come up with credentials that would justify the team's inclusion in the RP delegation.

Chan said he is making a big gamble on the youthful team which have little international exposure. *Marc Anthony Reyes*



KENNEVIC Asuncion

AP

Bulldogs face Warriors; UP takes on UST

Games Today (The Arena)

2 p.m.—Perpetual vs Letran

4 p.m.—NU vs UE

6 p.m.—UP vs UST

THE RACE FOR QUARTERFINAL BERTHS in the FilOil-Flying V Pre-season Invitational Cup heats up at The Arena in San Juan, with all six protagonists today still in the thick of the fight.

National University, which shares the Group B leadership with idle De La Salle at 3-1, has the inside track as a win over University of the East in their 4 p.m. match would assure the Bulldogs of at least a tie for one of four quarterfinal seats in their group.

The UE Warriors, holding a 2-0 mark, are pinning their hopes on veterans Marcy Arellano, James Martinez and Elmer Espiritu to carry them past the Bulldogs.

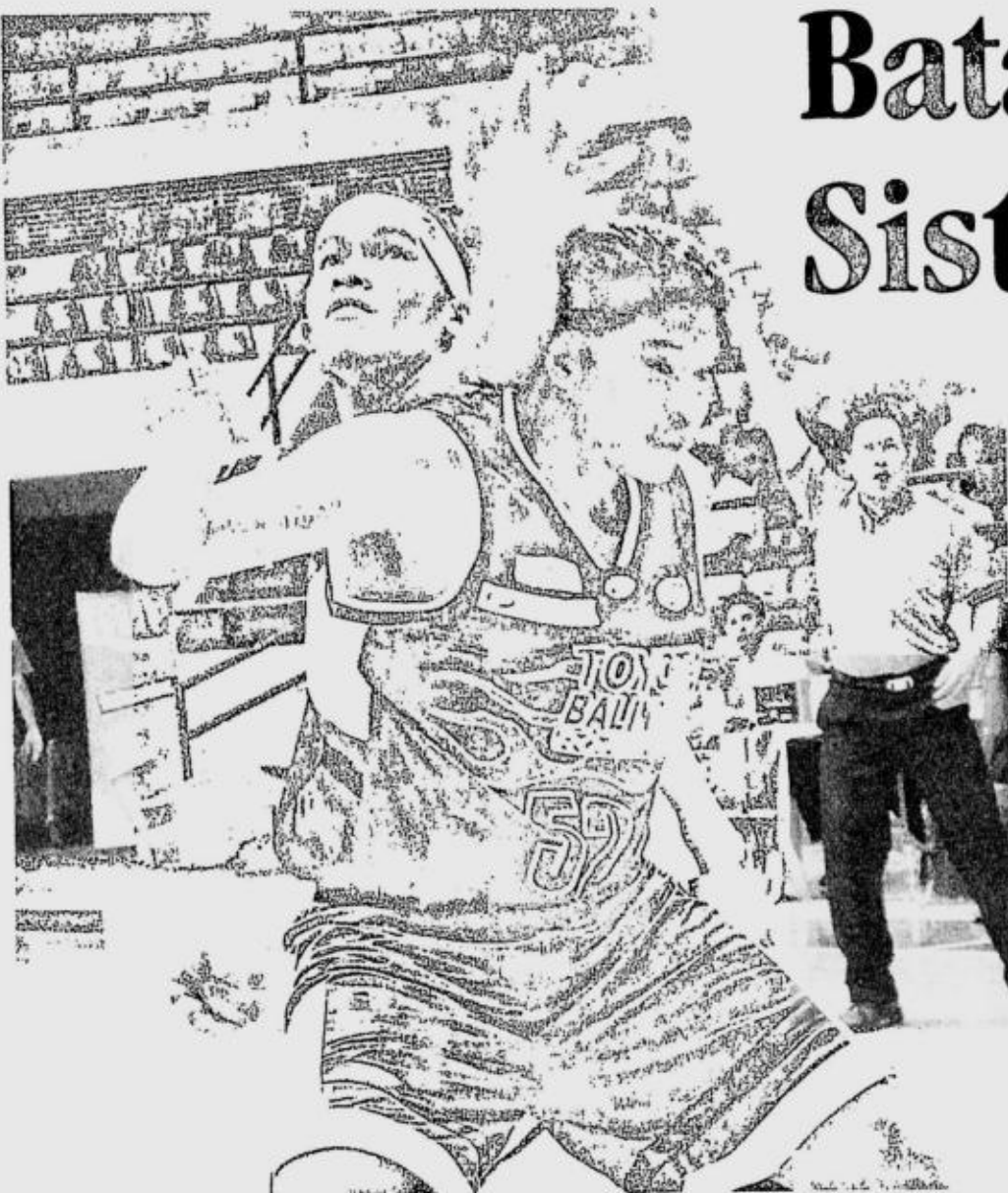
NU's victims include defending NCAA champion San Beda College, which it beat, 84-76, on May 2, and three-time UAAP winner Ateneo de Manila, 81-63, on May 11.

The top four teams from each group would advance to the next stage. Only Jose Rizal University, Group A topnotcher at 5-0, is assured of advancing to the next round.

Letran, reeling from back-to-back losses that include a 78-76 defeat to JRU Friday night, faces Perpetual Help at 2 p.m.

The main game pits defending UAAP champion University of Santo Tomas against winless University of the Philippines at 6 p.m.

Romina S. Austria



DENNIS Daa of Toyota (left) and Joselito Omandam of Dazz battle for ball possession during their PBL Unity Cup match yesterday at the The Arena in San Juan. The game was still being played at press time.

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Batang Pier nip Sista, move up

By Jasmine W. Payo

HARBOUR CENTRE STRUGGLED FOR THREE quarters before pulling out a 93-87 victory over Henkel Sista to regain a piece of the PBL Unity Cup lead yesterday at The Arena in San Juan.

A 12-0 rally fueled by Ryan Araña, Jason Castro and Chico Lanete propelled Batang Pier to an 89-81 advantage with 1:35 minutes left after trailing at 77-81.

"We were a step slow for three and a half quarters, but in the end they realized they have to play much better than that," said Batang Pier coach Jorge Gallent.

Araña poured in 13 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter as Harbour Centre tied idle Cebuana Lhuillier-Pera Padala at 8-2. Both squads are a win away from an automatic Final Four slot.

Meanwhile, San Miguel-Magnolia climbed out of the cellar with a 71-68 triumph over a skidding Burger King in the second game.

Jonas Villanueva exploded for 27 points built on a conference-

GAMES TUESDAY
(Olivarez College Sports Center)

2 p.m.—Burger King vs Henkel Sista

4 p.m.—Toyota Balintawak vs Cebuana Lhuillier-Pera Padala

high six triples as the Beverage Masters clinched their third win in 10 games.

The scores:

First Game

HARBOUR CENTRE

93—Araña 20, Lanete 17, Castro 13, Fernandez 11, Belga 8, Vergara 8, Alonzo 6, Intal

5, Gamboa 3, Gaco 3, Capali 0, Asoro 0.

HENKEL SISTA 87—Misa 15, Reyes 13, Matias 11, Eman 11, Malabanan 11, Villamin 10, Javier 5, Yambao 4, Bonus 2, Bauzon 0.

Quarters: 18-17, 37-35, 63-65, 93-87

Second Game

SAN MIGUEL-MAGNOLIA 71—Villanueva 27, Custodio 15, Raneses 9, Chan 9, Benitez 6, Jones 3, Evangelista 2, Barcelano 0, Angeles 0.

BURGER KING 68—Quiñahan 22, Buenate 11, Sagundel 11, Urbizondo 7, Mendoza 6, Viray 6, Bravo 5, Te O, Dizon 0, Balles-teros 0, David 0.

Quarters: 19-16, 40-30, 57-51, 71-68

SPORTSWATCH

E. Rondon tries to keep clean slate

ERNESTO RONDON HIGH SCHOOL TRIES TO MAINTAIN ITS WINNING WAYS IN bracket D when it goes up against UPIS at 2:30 p.m. today in the 3rd season of the Shakey's Girls' Volleyball (GVL) League at the Ateneo Blue Eagle Gym in Katipunan, Quezon City. The opening salvo pits St. Jude Catholic School against Assumption-Antipolo in bracket B. E. Rondon HS beat Dillman Preparatory School in straight sets, 25-17, 25-20, on May 6 followed by a 25-10, 25-9 romp over Holy Spirit on May 12. UPIS bowed to San Beda-Alabang, 25-17, 25-20, on May 6. St. Jude Catholic School and Assumption-Antipolo both dropped their first round assignments in bracket B in the event organized by Freddie Infante of Metro Sports. Philippine Institute of Quezon City will test the mettle of Holy Family School at 3:30 p.m. in bracket C while Roosevelt College will clash with ICA-Greenhills at 4:30 p.m. in bracket B.

World Slasher honors OFWs

THE 2007 WORLD SLASHER CUP II 8-COCK INTERNATIONAL DERBY GETS underway at the Araneta Coliseum on May 22, 24 and 26. Dubbed Balikbayan-Baliksabong, the event will highlight the contributions of Filipino cockers who are either overseas Filipino workers or have acquired foreign citizenships, but have kept their passion for cockfighting burning. In recognition of their contributions, the Big Dome will be giving free entrance to the first 100 OFWs and balikbayans in each day of the derby. Meanwhile, the 1st National Sabong Photo Contest was launched on May 1 by Thunderbird & the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation, in cooperation with the National Federation of Gamefowl Breeders and Hatawa Pinyo.

UE athletes deliver in Prisaa

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST ATHLETES, REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL Capital Region South, won the men's taekwondo, table tennis and badminton championships at the 2007 Annual National Private Schools Association (Prisaa) Games held recently in Iloilo City. This was announced by UE's PE Assistant Director Brenn Perez, concurrently the Prisaa NCR South President. The UE Red Jins Team, with players Dustin Larrazabal, Alden Aranda, John Mark Ricarnata and coaches Ramon Tusi and Michael Martinez, topped three gold medals in the flyweight, middleweight and heavyweight categories to emerge overall champion. The UE Red Badminton Team, coached by Rocky Magnaye, emerged as the singles and doubles champion behind Heidenberd Dimarucot and the pair of Winston Aquillo and Gabriel Villanueva. The UE Table Tennis Team, coached by Rogelio Ponte, snared two gold medals and a silver. UE's Homer Tiongsong trounced teammate Mervin Blando to win the gold in the singles while John Uti-Dexter Quijano won the doubles gold.

Tuason Racing drivers eye better finish

TUASON RACING DRIVERS STUART MACDONALD AND MIKE TUASON EYE BETTER finishes aboard their Ford Focus today in the second leg of the 2007 Philippine Touring Car Championship at the Subic International Raceway. MacDonald and Tuason created quite a stir in the kickoff leg with their impressive debuts that also proved Ford Focus' competitive racing excellence against their rivals' Honda Civics in the Group 3 division even though their cars were 150 kilos heavier and were not in racing suspension during that weekend. MacDonald, a British expatriate who graduated from Tuason Racing School only in November, surprised everyone with his third place runner-up finishes while Tuason, the 1997 Asian Karting champ and son of racing legend Arthur Tuason, snatched fifth place in Race 2.



BATANG PBA mall tour: Norman Black teaches ball handling drills to Burlington cage clinic participants at the SM City in Manila. Soon to be visited are SM North Edsa on May 22, SM Megamall on May 24, SM San Lazaro on May 31.

Alcano, Wu gain Guinness s'finals

FILIPINO DOUBLE WORLD CHAMPION Ronato Alcano and three-time world junior titlist Wu Yu-lun downed their respective rivals to barge into the semifinals of the second leg of the 2007 Guinness 9Ball Tour Championships at the Kohsiung Business Exhibition Center in Chinese-Taipei yesterday. Alcano, the reigning WPA 8-ball and 9-ball king, beat Singapore's Chan Keng Kwang, 9-5, while Taiwan's newest teen sensation Wu routed his compatriot Lu Hui-chan, 9-4, to bag a semifinals ticket. Getting off to a 6-2 start, Alcano was unable to put away a couple of key shots in the final stretch of the match and allowed the Singa-

porean to chip away at his lead. Sitting on the hill at 8-3, Alcano seemed to be tentative in his approach to the table. Fouls at the 9th and 13th rack plus a run out by Chan in the 12th saw the Singaporean move to within 5-8. But a miscue by Chan in the 14th rack gave Alcano a routine bank shot at the 9 ball which he pocketed at the corner to seal the match. Three other Filipinos, Antonio Gabica, Alex Pagulayan and Antonio Lining, failed to move past the group stage. Alcano will next meet the winner of the quarterfinal duel between former World Pool champion Chao Fong-pang and Pagulayan's tormentor Ricky Yang.

Marlon Bernardino

Orcollo faces Boening for Enjoypool crown

AMERICAN SHANE VAN Boening ran out the final rack to escape with a 7-6 victory over countryman Mike Davis in the loser's brackets and force a final showdown with unbeaten Filipino Dennis Orcollo in the 2007 Enjoypool.com 9-ball Championships yesterday at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Orcollo beat Boening, 7-6, on Friday to gain the first finals slot in the 64-man, \$160,000 tourna-

ment formerly known as the Billiards Congress of America.

After winning the opening lag, Boening, who turned professional pool player last year, took a 3-0 lead in the race-to-7, alternate break according to online report of AZ billiards.

Davis won the next three racks to tie the game, but Boening surged ahead, 6-4, after Davis suffered a scratch in the 10th rack. *Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*

Superkarting: Monzones, Casimiro post 1-2 finish

THE 02KART RACING TEAM again posted a 1-2 finish in the ROK Senior division behind Ken Monzones and Mike Casimiro recently in the third leg of the 2007 Shell Helix Superkarting Series at the Carmona Circuit Philippines.

Monzones, a former Cadet 60 champion, made a big impression on his comeback season as he finished first in the ROK Senior division and third overall in the combined race with the Formula Open 125 and Rotax Max Seniors classes.

He clocked 15 minutes and 2.1 seconds as he finished behind champion Stefano Marcelo and defending champion Matteo Guidicelli. His feat came as a big surprise as he even upstaged vet-

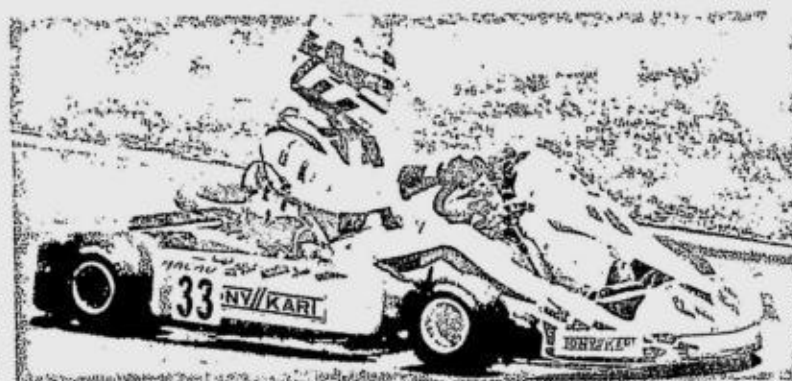
erans Bobby Domingo and the highly favored Mark Bumgarner despite using a less-powerful engine.

Casimiro, who was bogged by engine prob-

lems throughout the weekend, ended seventh overall which was enough to claim the runner-up honors and preserve his grip of solo leadership in the ROK Seniors title race.

Patience and determination proved to be big factors for Monzones to deliver the laurels for 02Kart Racing Team which is backed by Arabella Construction, Drueco Auto Supply, Normanworks Custom Paintshop and Casimiro Development Corp. (www.casimirodev.com).

He slipped to sixth at the start of the final race but his persistence rewarded him well midway. On the 11th lap, Monzones managed to slip past Domingo and started to challenge then third placer Mark Bumgarner.



FORMER Cadet champion Ken Monzones showed tough form as he bagged the ROK Seniors crown.

Real Spicy stakes title

REAL SPICY DEFENDS HIS crown today as he takes the challenge of celebrated rival Empire King in the PCSO First Gentleman Silver Cup at the Santa Ana Park.

The multi-titled 5-year-old chestnut galloper owned and bred by businessman-sportsman Hermie Esguerra is hard-pressed to come up with a spectacular rebound performance after absorbing back-to-back defeats in recent months.

Former Horse of the Year titlist Empire King dealt Real Spicy his first setback earlier this year in the Philracom Commissioner's Cup, a loss that snapped his 14-

race winning run.

Aussie-bred import Stop Talking further tainted Real Spicy's resume by scoring a huge win in the Philracom Imported Stakes Series 2 last month, clearly benefiting from the side intramural between Real Spicy and Empire King which both ran wide throughout the mile journey.

Handlers of Real Spicy have decided to stick it out with jockey Louie Balboa for Sunday's 2,050-meter championship, the same rider who guided him to a rousing 15-length victory in last year's edition of the PCSO First Gentleman Silver Cup.



BY TOP CHOICE

Race 1—(Qrt/Tri)—Ole! Ole! Ole! (1), Simply Gold (6), Awesome Buddy (3), Silver Anna (4)

Race 2—King Anthony (3), Prince Aidan (7), Manila's Style (2), Kaibigan (4)

Race 3—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—My Lucky One (3), Kaligatan (6), Hepburn (11), Red Hot Water (1), Dancing Slew (7)

Race 4—Daijoko's Success (2), Miss Lillypill (3)

Race 5—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Legendary (5), Ger Francis (3), Condoleeza/Ididitmyway (7), My Neneng (4), Passing Through (6)

Race 6—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Sweet Sarah (12), Luxardo (6), Serious Susie (5), Imminent Star (1), Dancing Polly (8)

Race 7—(Qrt/Tri)—Real Spicy (5), Empire King (4), Native land (3), Jet Sutter (6)

Race 8—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Sophia's Fortune (2), Rose N Fire (11), Beyond Glory (8), Event Sotrm (4), Getting Personal (9)

Race 9—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Ibarra (4), Treasured Ack (6), ES Twenty Six (13), Superamerica (7), Afternoon Delight/Pacman (1)

Race 10—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Gemstone (3), Prince Larry (2), Jew-elmier/Princess Adarna (8), West N Wild (4), Speed Bullet (5)

Race 11—(Qrt/Tri)—Modern Classic (6), Valiente (1), Worth Ur While (5), Look Of Love (3)

Race 12—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Kalashnikov (1), Kawiliwill (9), Fair Urdia (8), Harry Prince (2), Morning Nell (5)

Race 13—(Super 6/Qrt/Tri)—Virgin Island (2), Yao Man (10), Goldsphere (8), Manila's Smile (12), Classic Royal (7), High Pocket (9)

Website: www.inquirer.net/business

Sunday BIZ

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Text us your feedback: inquirer biz name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

E-mail: business@inquirer.com.ph

Where do passionate minds work?

Turn to B-4



Bonifacio

Where do passionate minds play?

Turn to C-8

Bonifacio
Global City

RUTH PREACHES GOSPEL SUCCESSFULLY

Enrich a person's values and you can solve poverty

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

"IT WILL NEVER WORK."

This was what well-meaning friends, family colleagues and associates told veteran development worker Ruth S. Callanta when she broached the idea of solving the perplexing problem of poverty by enriching a person's spirituality or values.

They are worlds apart and the twain shall never meet, they said.

But Callanta felt that she was on to something good.

She believed that her model had the potential to help people lead better lives, in a way that other approaches to development had failed to do.

Thus she put up the Center for Community Transformation in 1992 with the help of the few colleagues who also believed that development could be best achieved by promoting Christian values such as perseverance, justice, faith, brotherhood and integrity among the poor.

CCT's program was simple: bring out the latent entrepreneurial skills of the urban and rural poor through train-

ing and microfinance by making them part of a Christian community that preaches values.

It is hoped that by strengthening their values, and keeping those values alive through constant communication with community members, the rural and urban poor will be in a better emotional position to make a success out of their business since they will be guided by a higher purpose.

"I believe that other development strategies have not worked because people's hearts have

ENRICH/B2

FORMER President Corazon C. Aquino (left) discusses Microfinance with Ruth Callanta (right).



Callanta says it is possible to meet spiritual and financial needs at the same time

Secured and Guaranteed earnings for your \$

	\$1,000 to 9,999	\$10,000 to 49,999	\$50,000 to 99,999	\$100,000 and up
1 month	3.50%	3.50%	3.63%	3.75%
2 months	3.50%	3.63%	3.75%	3.88%
3 months	3.63%	3.75%	3.75%	3.88%
6 months	3.75%	3.88%	3.88%	4.00%
12 months	3.88%	4.00%	4.13%	4.25%

*Quoted rates are subject to change without prior notice. Rates are on per annum basis and subject to 7.5% withholding tax.

Open an account now at any PSBank branch nationwide!

PSBank
US Dollar
TIME DEPOSIT

Text PSBANK USD <your name> <landline no.> <email address> then send to 391-772 for Smart or 0917-8502327 for Globe and other networks.

Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation. Maximum deposit insurance for each depositor P250,000.



Empowering the Youth: Junior Achievement of the Philippines, Inc. (JAPI) recognized outstanding young entrepreneurs at the recent JAPI Awards Night, held at the Petron Cultural Hall. PLDT actively supports JAPI's activities, which aim to help the country's aspiring entrepreneurs hone their skills and realize their full potential. "Although tonight marks the end of your stay in the JAPI program, it is our wish that we have made your experience a meaningful and fruitful one, and hope it would have stirred the entrepreneurial spirit in each of you," said Eric R. Alberto, JAPI President and PLDT Senior Vice President and Head of Corporate Business Group, as he addressed this year's batch of JAPI students. "It is our aspiration that a number of you will take the alternative challenge of charting your own career destinies by being self-employed entrepreneurs." Shown in picture with PLDT's Eric Alberto (standing 8th from left and inset) are the awardees for the 2007 outstanding JA mini companies.

ADVT



The Oasis



Nirvana Cove



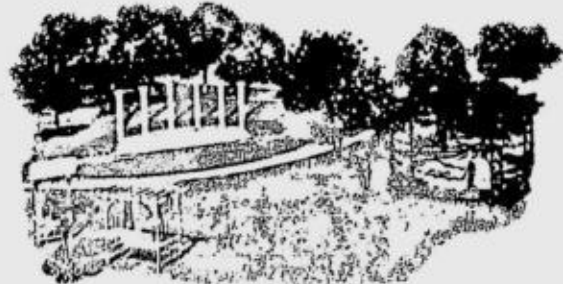
Poet's Nook



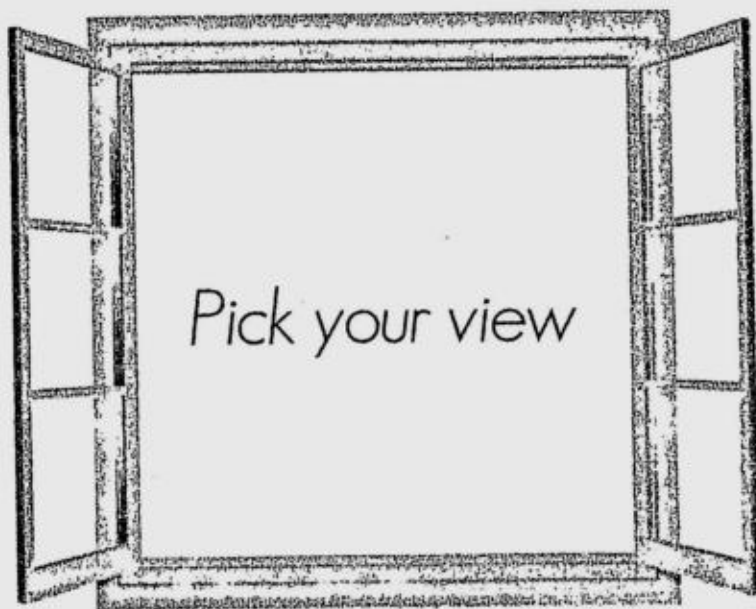
Fun Park



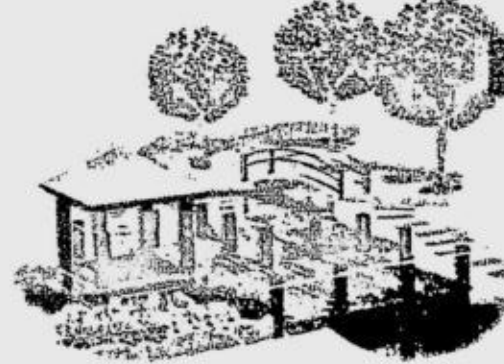
Fitness Cove



Nature's Orchestra



Pick your view



Picnic Grove

Whatever your taste, you'll find yourself at home in Woodsville Viverde Mansions. With 70% open spaces featuring 7 nature-themed landscaped gardens equipped with various amenities and a village mall, there's something to suit every lifestyle. So when you consider that it's only a 10-minute drive from Makati, the hardest decision is picking the view you like most.

Woodsville Viverde Mansions is a multi-cluster mid-rise building with available Studio, 2BR, and 3BR units. For more information, call Robinsons Land Corporation at 636 0888 and 0922 838 0888 or e-mail properties@robinsonsland.com



Woodsville
VIVERDE
mansions

Merville, Parañaque



ROBINSONS LAND
CORPORATION
The Property Developer of Choice

Filipino youth shine with sun power

Text and photos
by Maria Congee S. Gomez
Contributor

THE SUNPOWER PHILIPPINES MANUFACTURING Ltd. in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, has a workforce of 1,600 Filipino engineers aged from 23 to 25. There are only three expatriates occupying the top management.

They are degree-holders in engineering (chemical, electrical, electronics and communications, industrial, computer and metallurgy), and are graduates of schools based in the provinces (Letran College in Calamba, Batangas State University, Southern Luzon Polytechnic College, Bulacan State University, Nueva Ecija University, Manuel S. Enverga University, Bicol State University, Don Mariano Marcos State University, and Camarines State University, among others). While the Polytechnic University of the Philippines has the biggest slice of the workforce at 46.11 percent and Lyceum Institute of Technology at 25.6 percent, there are also other schools, namely: Adamson University, De La Salle University, Mapua Institute of Technology and AMA Computer College which have fielded in new graduates. The University of the Philippines and University of the East shared small percentage in the workforce.

What makes the young Filipino engineers doubly proud is the fact that they are at the helm of the largest solar cell manufacturing in Asia. They helped make the world's highest efficiency solar panels now widely distributed in Europe and in North America.

With most of the workforce at SunPower coming from the provinces, Cheri Lou Ocampo quickly explains that this is not intentional. "It so happened that the tenacity level of applicants from the provinces was higher than those coming from the big schools in Manila. It also showed that they are able to hurdle the series of interviews we conduct, satisfying curiosity if they are patient enough to go into the rigors of the work," Ocampo added, referring to Behavioral Event In-



"HERE COMES THE SUN." The world's highest efficiency solar panels are made in the Philippines by young Filipino engineers. Each panel measures 61.39 in (length) x 31.42 in (width), weighs 15 kg and is widely distributed in Europe and North America, its major markets.

terview (BEI) as a tool to "drill" down values and attitudes of the young recruits.

"We are not claiming we are good behavior-spotters, but through series of question-and-answer procedure, we are able to draw out a person's level of motivation."

Long hours

This is because the nature of work at SunPower requires long hours of standing on rotation shift. They have to keep an eye on statistic process control and have to deal with the nitty-gritty work demands at the wafer laboratory.

On these, the human resource department had never used written examinations.

The BEI findings showed the disparity of thinking among those from the provinces and those in Manila. While commerce is an integral part of employment, province-graduates think long-term outwardly looking if their goals will be nurtured by the company.

Also, those who grew up and studied in schools in the province imbibed attitudes and values influenced by strong family ties even if they had gone to Manila to study. Respect for tradition was foremost to them. While interest is a motivational factor, it was important for them to know if they fit the job description and that SunPower would nurture their goals.

"This was in sharp contrast with some Manila-based applicants who put importance on how much they will be getting and the job titles to be accorded them," says Ocampo.

But in 2004, when the company had barely started operations, management strictly made sure it hired the top 10 percent graduates from state universities and colleges to form the core team.

They needed a solid group who could communicate well with the R&D team based in Sunnyvale, California.

Young Filipino engineers

It is not by chance that the Filipinos are able to live up to its reputation—cre-

ative, hardworking and innovative.

In a span of SunPower's operations in the country, the engineers have helped pool company savings through the many modifications on machines they have done. One of these was the wafer edge-coat cutter that rivaled its manufacturer in Italy.

Even Greg Reichow, SunPower vice president for operations, is all praise for the enterprising young team. In turn, he continually seeks ways to improve the work environment, making it as comfortable as possible. He found it necessary to constantly interact with the workforce, taking his breakfast or lunch at least once a week with them. This was his way to know how things went on at work or how things were at the homefront.

The open-door policy of management helped build the confidence of the young Filipino engineers. This had already gained Reichow the reputation of being pro-Filipino that he said he did not mind at all, describing how equal he had become with his children who called the Philippines "home" and took to liking the local ice cream more than their Minnesota homeland could offer.

"This is because I have seen how our young engineers at the plant soared with energy levels very different from those I have worked with abroad. They were a rare kind at the peak of their creativity. When something came up better than our suppliers could offer, the community simply turns into a festive mood."

But Reichow raised his hands on the need to make adjustments, as he is a foreign national. He said he did, noting that he had to understand well the Filipino culture.

Although he had somehow incorporated "fun" at work just as the Filipinos did, he still found this very different from his heyday at Cypress Semiconductors Corp., where he had previously worked and where in-your-face was the management style. "That would certainly not appeal to the Filipinos," he says.

In order to make things more smooth-running at SunPower, the management continually thinks of ways to make ev-



SUNPOWER vice president for operations Greg Reichow shows guests the solar power process.

everyone happy. A cool committee was created to take care of the "social" part of the generally jeans-clad "come-as-you-are" youth population. The existence of several activity clubs such as mountaineering and outdoors, mountain bikers, and outreach have forged stronger ties among them.

There are plans to put up a coffee and pastry shop at the Wafer Fab 1 in Laguna. At the ground floor was a well-equipped gym, boasting of 18 sets of top-of-the-line exercise machines manned by a professional instructor.

But the 8.8-hectare Wafer Fab 2, under construction in Batangas, might have a movie house of its own. And at times when company had hit production quota, it treated its employees with surprises.

Entering SunPower for the first time might raise the impression of a suburban university that houses a solar cell manufacturing firm.

But that's OK as far as two of its young engineers, Dennis Vicente, R&D manager and Joyce Masilungan, process engineer, are concerned.

Dull moments have never been part of their lives, they said. They strictly emphasize professional teamwork than on petty things. The work they referred to remained a component of learning, making use of the formulas gained from school that they said pump up intellectual atmosphere common among the

young Filipino engineers.

Hub of solar economy

While it may be too early to claim that the Philippines will become the solar power capital of Asia, Reichow minces no words that this is possible in three years time.

"It could even be the birthland of solar economy," he says.

A global situation depleted of traditional sources of energy such as oil and gas have reached the peak of production, making these increasingly costly.

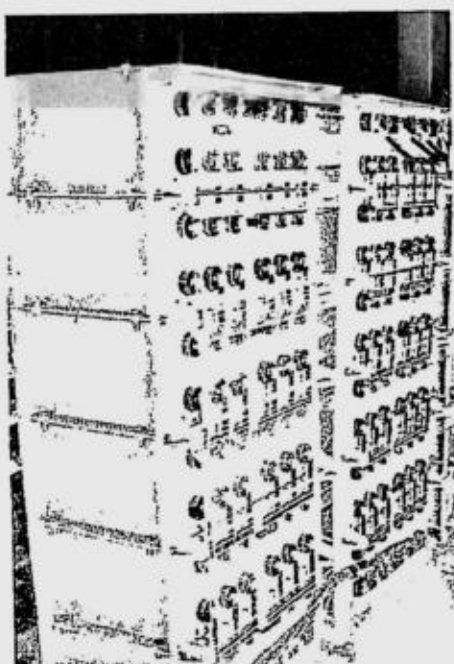
But with the strong presence of electronic industries in the Philippines, where 20 percent are engaged in semiconductor manufacturing, the country wages an identity as the hub of solar cell manufacturing.

The highly educated English-speaking population, with 15 years experience in manufacturing and creative people at the helm, contribute to a hopeful future.

These days, SunPower collaborates with Winrock under the USAID Global Development Alliance (GDA) in strengthening solar energy market development.

Through the cool committee, SunPower electrified Pulo Island Elementary School in Talisay, Batangas.

"Solar cells are green products because we make use of the energy of the sun. We don't pollute the environment. What more can you ask for?"



NATURE of work at SunPower requires long hours of standing on rotation shift.

Enrich a person's values and you can solve poverty

From page B1

not changed. Everybody is still basically selfish, so they do not put the welfare of another above theirs. The values have to be changed," Callanta says.

Her formula may sound improbable to most, but CCT's success is hard to ignore, and has turned many doubting Thomases into firm believers of the gospel according to Ruth.

CCT data showed that as of the end of last year, CCT has reached out to 127,028 urban and rural poor and disbursed loans of almost P1.5 billion over the past 15 years, of which P312.863 million is outstanding.

CCT's operation has spread from the capital—mainly in Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela—to Mandaue City, Cebu; Puerto Princesa and Coron, Palawan and Dumaguete City,

Oriental Negros, with plans to open up even more.

Callanta was also recognized by Ernst and Young as Women Entrepreneur for 2005 mainly for her groundbreaking work in microfinance.

That CCT evolved from an enterprise on a shoestring budget is nothing short of a miracle for Callanta, as was her conversion into a Christian.

Callanta, who has an Anthropology degree from the University of the Philippines and Master in Management from AIM, has always been on the quest to solve poverty.

She has been involved in nongovernment organizations such as the Philippine Business for Social Progress and was consultant at the Asian Development Bank and the Asian Institute of Management. But there was no room then for the Supreme Being.

"I did not see God then, I saw no relevance to my work in development," Callanta tells SundayBIZ.

But after years of doing development work and seeing little fruits from her labor, she started having doubts about her work and if it was even worth pursuing.

That moment of extreme doubt happened in 1992 in Kathmandu, Nepal, and she said she just found herself entering an ecumenical church there and asking for help.

"I just felt so tired. I just asked the Lord to change my perspective, and allow me to find rest in Him," Callanta says.

She came back to the Philippines with the firm resolve to set up the CCT, a concept she says she developed based on what she learned from years working with NGOs and urban, rural poor communities.

CCT was founded on a capital of about P50,000 pooled from her salary and seed money provided



RUTH Callanta (fourth from right) during the launch of the UrVan Ur Business program.

by a few friends, and she contributed more when the need arose.

The big break came in 1993 when CCT was commissioned by San Miguel Corp. to provide skills and values training in Tondo, Manila, to cushion the impact of the closing of the La Tondelita plant.

The program helped the affected employees and families set up and manage businesses under single proprietorship, partnership and for-profit corporate schemes.

Soon, other companies such as Pilipinas Shell and Manila Electric Co. tapped CCT to do the same for their employees and CCT's microfinance program took off.

"It was then I finally found the peace that I have been looking for," Callanta says.

Such positive energy attracts more positive developments thus CCT today has the support of many funding agencies and fellow Church-based groups that will ensure that CCT's work will continue.

From microfinance, CCT has expanded its operations to include educational assistance for high

school and college students, community organizing and mobilization and leadership training.

What donors like about the CCT's program is that it is self-sustaining. There is profit involved so that the funds will keep coming in and the members are taught financial discipline although the moral benefits are priority.

"Our measure of success is changed lives. Others talk about efficiencies and increased income, we talk more about further improving the businesses of members," Callanta says.

This year, CCT launched its school for entrepreneurship and Callanta says she wants to strengthen the leadership component of its operations to bring about a new generation of Christ-centered servant-leaders.

The CCT will do so using its tried and tested formula during meetings, which Callanta calls the 5 Ws—welcome, worship, word, works and wrap-up.

CCT members are welcomed to the group; then they worship Christ; discuss the word of God, talk about their works (business, loans, etc.) and then wrap-up their discussions.



CALLANTA (right)

Cosmetics and skin care product making workshop

TIRED OF THE HIGH-PRICED skin care products from supermarkets and dermatology clinics?

Learn how to make dermatological products and reduce your purchases of expensive brands—and make money on the side, too.

The Golden Treasures Skills Development Program will conduct a one-day seminar on cosmetics and skin-care formulations to be held at the Vermont Blooms Unlimited at 9 Anonas Road, Project 3, Quezon City on May 20, Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Topics to be discussed are sourcing of materials, costing and lectures on how to make whitening lotion, facial lotion, toner, loose powder, deodorant

powder, foot powder, massage gel, massage oil with aromatherapy, etc.

Participants will undergo hands-on training and will get to experience how to formulate lipstick (organic), moisturizing body lotion facial cream, body powder (talc), hair hot oil treatment formulation with aromatherapy, massage cream with aromatherapy, facial clay and herbal mask.

All the materials will be provided included lunch and snacks and hand-outs. Participants will receive certificate of training right after the seminar. For reservation, call 952-4028, 436-7826, 913-6551 951-2966 and 421-1577.

WANTED

PARTNER/INVESTOR FOR SUCCESSFUL MANUFACTURER OF EXPORT GARMENTS

Owner offering up to 50% of the business which exports to USA, EUROPE & AUSTRALIA. Partner/investor expected to have garment manufacturing experience & have "hands on" involvement in the business located in Quezon City near Sto. Domingo (GOOD FENG SHUI).

INTERESTED PARTIES

CONTACT:
0917 890 9873
mpglobal@gmail.com

ONLY DIRECT INQUIRIES
WILL BE CONSIDERED
NO BROKERS

**The elections
are over.
No better time
to start looking
for investment
opportunities.**

Learn to invest successfully
in the stock market.

CITISECONLINE
STOCKBROKERS

The 1st and only online broker publicly listed in the PSE.
PSE Stock symbol "COL"

Register now.

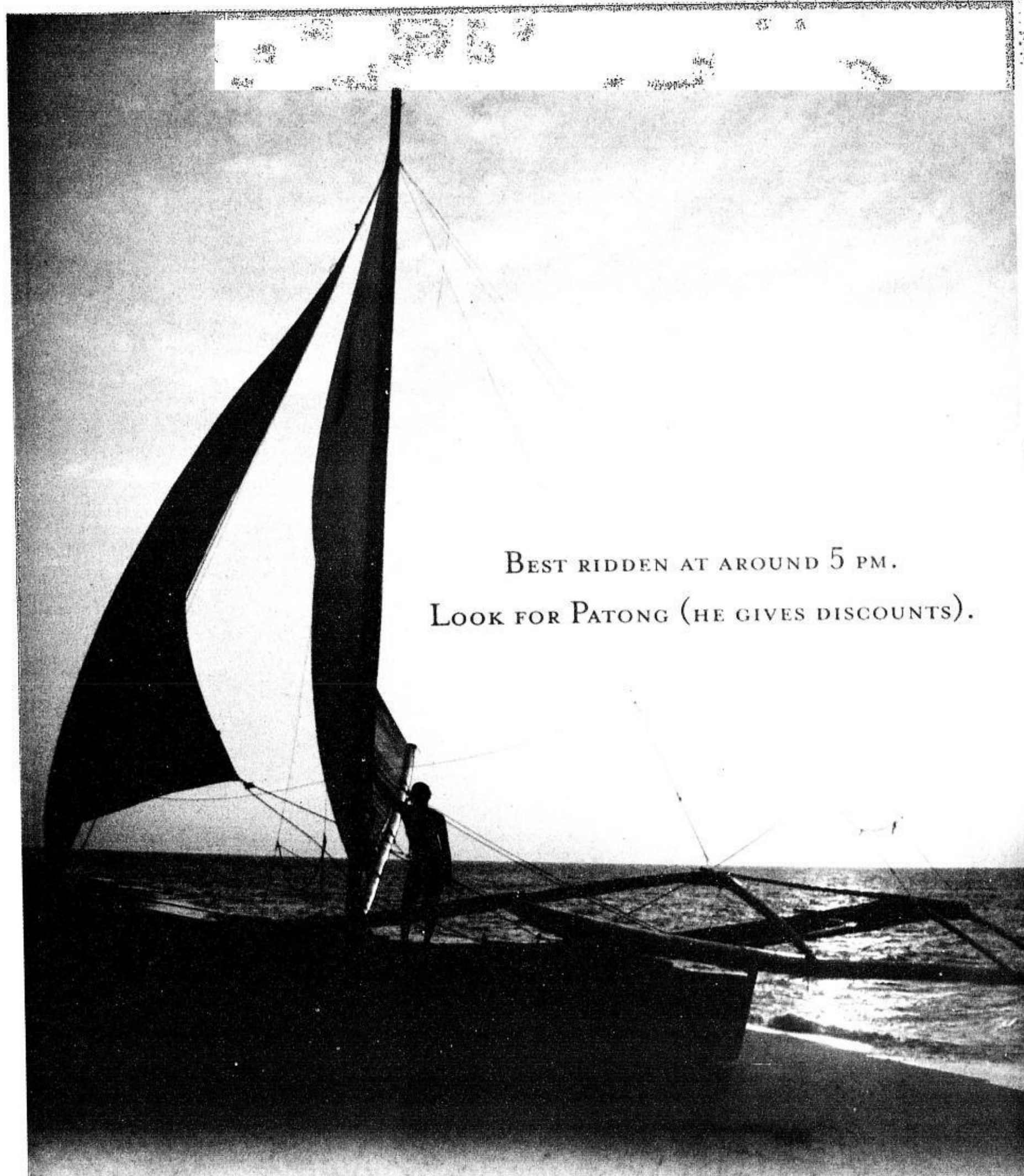
The **COL**
Investor
Seminar
Series

Tues., May 22, 5:30pm to 8:30pm
AIM Conference Center
3rd Floor, SGV Hall
Benavidez St., Makati City

and every Tues. & Thurs.
Citiseconline Boardroom,
PSE Centre, Pasig City

WAIVED ENTRANCE FEE
for the 1st 100 confirmed attendees

Call (02) 6-333-777
Log on to www.citiseconline.com



BEST RIDDEN AT AROUND 5 PM.
LOOK FOR PATONG (HE GIVES DISCOUNTS).

ALTA VISTA
DE BORACAY

VISIT. STAY.

The Boracay sunset is best viewed from a native Paraw, where only a luminous sea comes between you and the fiery horizon.

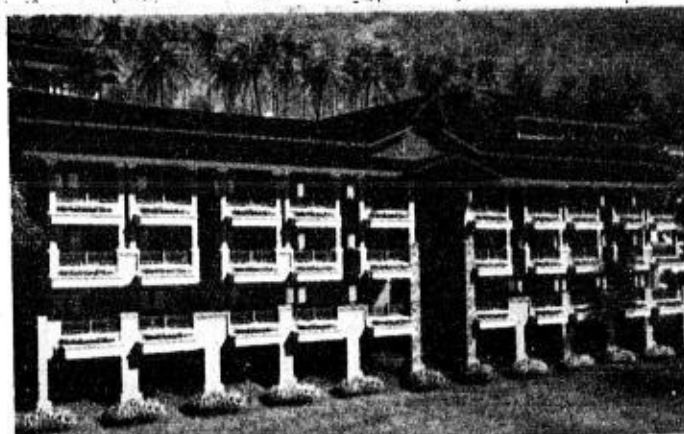
It's but one of the many breathtaking scenes waiting for you in this world-famous island. Now you can feast your eyes on its stunning vistas with a unit in Alta Vista de Boracay.

Set against a magnificent backdrop of tropical mountains, it's one of the biggest condotel-residential communities found in Boracay, located a mere ten minutes away from world-famous White Beach.

You can choose a Residential Unit as your private vacation home, or you can earn back your investment through a Condo Unit that's leased out when you're not there.

Either way, you're assured of a place to stay in Boracay all year round. So the next time you step on the island, you won't just be visiting; you'll be coming home.

Call 888-3333 or visit www.dmcihomes.com today.



A PLACE IN PARADISE

Living a Dream

Now you can own a piece of Boracay by buying a unit in Alta Vista de Boracay, one of the biggest condotel-residential communities in the area. It's conveniently located near White Beach and Puka Beach, two of Boracay's most popular coasts. But it's set on top of the island's tropical mountains so you can enjoy spectacular views, cool breezes and complete privacy.



A Worthy Investment

Inspired by Southeast Asian architecture, the community has an elegantly relaxed look and feel, greeting the seasoned traveler with complete hotel-like amenities and facilities. With the guarantee of a title made out under your name, you can enroll your unit under the Leaseback program, which means that it will be rented out to other travelers while you're away, and 30% of the money earned from all rented out units will be distributed among the unit owners.



Choosing Well

Invest in a unit here and you know you're making a smart choice, because Alta Vista de Boracay is developed and maintained by DMCI Homes, the only triple-A builder/developer in the Philippines. With DMCI Homes, you don't compromise your family's wellbeing because you're assured of an urban-friendly, premium-quality home that covers all your needs. And, in the case of Alta Vista, your own piece of heaven.

A smart living concept by

DMCI HOMES

Because you know.

For announcement purposes only.



THE LAND was supposed to be developed into real estate but a better use was discovered.

By Anna Maria M. Gonzales
Contributor

IN PAYATAS, QUEZON CITY, THERE IS A teacher like no other.

This teacher demonstrates the power and processes of nature, the healing qualities of plants and trees, and instills in people confidence, generosity and a sense of community.

This teacher has been conducting classes for only two years. It is also all of 7.5 hectares and is home to about 14 species of birds and a variety of snakes, and other forms of life. At the moment it has directly taught about 100 students, and indirectly about 300 people.

"Urban agriculture" could probably qualify as an oxymoron, but this is what is being taught by the Madrigal property in Payatas, Quezon City. The Resource Center on Urban Agriculture and Forestry (RUAF) defines urban agriculture simply as "the growing of plants in and around cities."

A few years ago, Consuelo Madrigal and the heirs of her two siblings Belec and Pacita Madrigal decided to offer their lots in Payatas for the use of the urban poor in Payatas, Quezon City. Unfortunately, the lots were not feasible for a housing project, but a better concept for development was realized.

Instead of bulldozing the land and tampering with nature, the Consuelo "Chito" Madrigal Foundation started a training program that allowed urban poor families to learn organic garden and use the site for a year. But there was a catch: As participants and "scholars" they had to promise to pay back and pay forward.

It was a simple arrangement: They paid back with seeds that would be used for teaching a new batch of participants. In the past 2 years, there have been 3 batches, with the 2nd and 3rd batches using the

seeds of the first batch.

They had to pay forward by teaching others, and by doing bayanihan work around the garden and the community. Teaching others became almost natural to them. The curiosity of neighbors, passersby and visitors to the site were their entry points to talking about the healing powers of cogon root (diuretic and anti-cancer), java mint (congestion, upper respiratory ailments) and the different kinds of lettuces.

A lot better

Less than 2 years ago, Aylin, was scavenging daily at the Payatas dumpsite. She had 6 children who are all of school age. She and her husband also repacked pepper, garlic and "tawas" for retail sale.

Aylin claims to feel a lot better these days. Ever since she joined the Consuelo "Chito" Madrigal Foundation (CCMF) training on urban organic agriculture in foundation property in Payatas and Bagong Silangan, Aylin feels she has become a superwoman, doing things she never imagined she could do before.

In the beginning she had joined the training because she knew that by planting, she could augment the family diet. By growing her own food, she saves about 30-40 percent of the family income of P3,000 to P4,000 a month. Three other families, her neighbors, also benefit from her learning at the center, and from her own backyard garden.

Beyond saving money, what Aylin and her colleagues have now is a heightened sense of community. Together with Marlou, 26, and 12 other trainers-in-training, Aylin has taught and interacted with more than 200 people about herbs and vegetable gardening.

Marlou left his home in Agusan del Sur

searching greener pastures in Metro Manila. What he found, however, was stench and foulness of garbage in Payatas. Marlou heard about the CCMF training on urban organic agriculture. Being an agriculture graduate, he found himself interested in what the course had to offer. He knew that some of those who completed the first batch were not even high school graduates.

What Marlou discovered was that he had to unlearn a lot of what he got from his formal training. He shares in Tagalog, "What I learned from my agriculture course turns out to be destructive to the environment, like chemical inputs. But there are ways to make fertilizer and kill pests from our surroundings."

Marlou also learned how to get along better with others. Being a newcomer in Manila, he knew very few people, and training at CCMF taught him how to get along with others.

Tony (not his real name) had been working as a drug courier and had been at the end of his rope when he heard about the CCMF training. He had just lost all his money to someone who double-crossed him when CCMF announced to the community that they were accepting applicants.

He didn't know what to expect but at least at the CCMF training, he could eat once a day. (That time, the course offering included free meals. These days, the participants no longer expect it).

He didn't tell CCMF staff about his background, so they didn't know Tony's back story until much later.

For some reason, Tony took to the training wholeheartedly. He found he was good at gardening and would spend hours tending to his and his group members' crops. Tony's emaciated body filled out, and his skin radiated with good health after only a

few months. Regular gardening and eating fresh produce seemed to transform him, and neighbors could not help but notice.

Transformation

One such neighbor commented to CCMF staff how "good" Tony looked now, and how he had been "clean" for a long time. That's how CCMF learned about his drug running days. Tony admitted to CCMF staff that he kept this a secret for fear that he wasn't going to be accepted for the training.

His one year of gardening at the CCMF property completely transformed his life—he recently got married to a young woman with two kids. His self-confidence bloomed and he felt that he was ready to care for an instant family. Tony and his new family are now tending a small farm in Montalban applying what he learned.

It is stories like Aylin's and Tony's that make more people in the Payatas and Bagong Silangan area want to participate in the urban organic farming courses offered by CCMF.

People want what the participants got—it's not necessarily the extra income, it's the glow, the confidence, the health, the sense of hope that they seem to crave for. These are the things that make neighbors come up to CCMF staff and request that they, too be part of the urban organic agriculture training.

Training program

What does it mean to be a participant at the CCMF's urban organic agriculture training course? It means having to go through a series of 10 modules ranging from basic ecology to sprouting, to lessons in basic nutrition and principles of organic farming. These are taught in popular language, and instructors use what is available in the foun-

dation's 7 hectares of undulating and mostly unbuildable land to demonstrate basic scientific concepts.

Interested participants from the urban poor communities surrounding the site (about 100,000 families from the 2 barangays) are expected to go through a simple process of application to test their willingness.

They are told that they must enter the course of their own volition (walang pilitan), and much will be expected of them. They are expected to finish the course, to pay back and to pay forward. They are required to undertake a short orientation session and must sign a "kasunduan" (covenant).

It is an approach that works very well. The trainees are not promised that they will be rich—but what they learn is what they get, and they can only get from the course what effort they put in it.

Nena, 65; Bobby, 44; and Camille, 26 are coaches to 15 participants. Nena and Camille are squatters living on the Payatas dumpsite and have to go around huge piles of garbage to get to the Madrigal property. The three of them were from the first and second batches of urban organic agriculture training.

Nena, Bobby and Camille, are no different or more privileged than the rest of the participants. Yet, they are responsible for the learning of 3 groups.

They meet every other day and solve problems with their wards.

Just a few months ago they were also students like the present participants.

Camille's real name is Romeo—and is "group leader" at the Payatas dump. Being in the garden refreshes him, and gives him a respite from the fumes of garbage and the roughness of life in the dump.

Camille/Romeo dispels the stereotype of the gay as a hairdresser. On the dump, he is respected and even feared by men bigger than him. He leads teams of scavengers in methodically separating recyclables for sale.

Camille completed his one year of training in the garden, and now teaches others, entertains guests, serves herbal teas (grown from the garden), and in general, enjoys sharing what he knows about organic gardening, and the environment.

A few years ago, the Madrigal property could have been turned into another congested urban jungle. Now, it has become an example of an inner city park and urban food production. The Gawad Kalinga has found inspiration in the park, and has assisted CCMF with a variation of its home building services. 200 GK volunteers built pathways with CCMF's urban organic farmers and communities on Holy Wednesday during a unique Via Crucis.

The participants have started a tree nursery from donated seedlings of indigenous trees, and plan to enhance the area with more trees. A hectare of the area (the flat, buildable part) will be set aside for a public school, and hopefully be a demonstration area for "practical science," connecting children with the organic farm and principles of ecology.

The Madrigals may have stumbled upon this program as a substitute for a housing project for the poor, but the site itself may have dictated it.

It is after all, a teacher to both the rich and the poor.

Mindanao LGUs earn from new facilities

PANABO CITY—WHEN MAYOR REY GAVINA steps down after his serving out the maximum three terms as a local executive, he will leave behind a legacy of improved infrastructure and facilities that will likely put his city on the map of Mindanao.

These include a new integrated bus and jeepney terminal, built at a cost of P38 million from an Asian Development Bank (ADB) concessional loan under its Mindanao Basic Urban Services Sector Project (MBUSSP) being implemented by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Land Bank of the Philippines.

"We could easily repay in one year the money that we borrowed and earn a profit of maybe not less than P2 million. The stalls of the market vendors are not even set-up and yet we are already earning double our expectations," Gavina says in Filipino, "It really is a big help."

Local town executives have ensured that all public transport should pass the terminal as provided by a local ordinance passed early this year.

In Mahayag, Zamboanga del Norte, it is a similar success story of improved revenues and modern infrastructure. Its newly-built municipal hall was funded with a P14-million loan from the project. From being the dirtiest municipality in Mindanao in 1997 with a municipal town hall built in the 1960s, Mahayag has turned around its image to become the second-cleanest municipality in the province last year.

The town mayor says the building has directly helped Mahayag raise more revenues, which in turn led to Mahayag's upgrade into a third-class municipality.

DILG Assistant Secretary Austere Panadero was so impressed by the building that he called it the "best municipal building in the whole Mindanao" during its inauguration in 2005.

"We are proud of this building. Before, Mahayag looked like it has been left behind," declares Mayor Paulino Fanilag. "Now, no more. People pay their taxes because they can see where their taxes go."

Town revenues in 2005 increased by at least 12 percent as compared to 2004. And as a result of capacity building seminars under MBUSSP, the town will now construct on its own a potable water supply system to be sourced from its waterfalls.

It took a while for the MBUSSP to get off the ground, but once it did, the projects started coming in fast.

No less than President Macapagal-Arroyo inaugurated the Kapatagan municipal hall in Lanao del Norte in 2006. Jabonga, Agusan del Sur also has a new municipal hall.

There are also the R. T. Lim public market in Zamboanga Sibugay; Dumalinao and Alicia public markets in Zamboanga del Sur; Datu Odin Sinsuat and Buluan public markets in Maguindanao, and the Cabadbaran public market in Agusan del Sur.

Besides Panabo City, another transport terminal was also built in Isulan, Sultan Kudarat. The Naawan Water Supply was constructed in Misamis Oriental.



MAHAYAG municipal hall



NEW PANABO City integrated bus and jeepney terminal where the buses pay P30 a visit, while jeepneys pay P20 a visit to pick up passengers.

When it was inaugurated in late 2005, the P46.1-million Buluan public market was the first MBUSSP urban infrastructure project in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao. Mayor Esmail Mangudadatu made sure that widows were given priority in the assignment of stalls.

The town's effective local governance was evident in the transformation of capacity building program into infrastructure investment support with the completion of the public market, says Madonna Medenilla, ADB national officer.

Buluan public market serves as the model for replication in other LGUs in ARMM.

Other projects are scheduled for inauguration and/or completion in the coming months in the provinces of Maguindanao, Agusan del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, North Cotabato, Zamboanga del Norte, Misamis Oriental, Misamis Occidental, Zamboanga del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Surigao del Sur and Surigao del Norte.

The new P67.16-million transport terminal in Kidapawan City is already finished but is just awaiting the completion of the cemented road leading to it.

In Ozamiz City, a new and modern two-story public market will soon be built to replace the existing public market, which is so dilapidated that it rains both inside and outside the building during the rainy season.

The project has also built municipal gymnasiums in three towns and provided heavy equipment in two other towns.

To date, DILG has 20 completed subprojects worth more than P580 million.

MBUSSP covers the construction and rehabilitation of public markets, gymnasiums, transport terminals, cultural centers, water supply and municipal buildings to benefit 11 provinces, covering 30 to 40 LGUs.

Aside from the infrastructure and investments component, it also has an institutional capacity building component to help LGUs better manage the infrastructure projects.

An Emerging Business Landscape

At the "Home of Passionate Minds", the business component plays a very significant role in the rise of the new CBD: Bonifacio Global City. Amidst lush greens, eye-catching public art, unique retail shops and dining places, some of the country's top businesses, including emerging Filipino-owned companies and multinational corporations are setting up shop and enjoying the unique live-work-play experience offered by Bonifacio Global City. Currently, Bonifacio Global City has total existing and planned office building projects covering a gross floor area of 332,765 sqm as of March 2007. Some of the companies and locators within the city's business landscape include the HSBC Centre, Hanjinphil Headquarters, Del Monte Philippines,

the Makati Eye Center, BayanTrade, Steel Asia, and Community Innovations. "Other corporations who have also chosen Bonifacio Global City as their new address are GE Money, GE Philippines, Intel Philippines and Sony," adds Jun Bisnar, Head of Commercial Operations for Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation (FBDC). Moreover, the Chancery of Singapore has established its presence in Bonifacio Global City while other embassies have shown interest in the area-- a testament to the city's multiculturalism.

Dante Briones, President and Chief Executive Officer for BayanTrade, a knowledge process outsourcing

company, attests to the emergence of the city as the next CBD. "Bonifacio Global City is up-and-coming and we have to be in a business location that exemplifies the state of our company," Briones comments. "We feel good that we are in a first-class location!"

At Bonifacio Global City, form and function are equally important and every sculpture, open space, or leisure spot contributes to the proliferation of great ideas in the minds of the city's people as well as their emotional and spiritual well-being. Briones, who loves to take a breather by spending time at Bonifacio High Street's coffee shops or walking around the bend, asserts, "The soothing effect on the mind is just amazing!" As perfectly-stated by Bisnar, "We are now in the creative age, we want to foster



The second level of Bonifacio High Street is home to some of the country's top corporations.

creativity and a balanced work-life environment." Truly, Bonifacio Global City is living up to be the next premier business district that celebrates creativity and successes of live, work and play.

A New Alternative for Business

The city's strategic location and accessibility to neighboring business districts, airports, and major thoroughfares makes it an attractive alternative site for corporations and institutions. As a result, Bonifacio Global City is fast becoming home to companies that cover the whole spectrum of industries - from design to IT, even medical and financial institutions. St. Luke's Medical Center is constructing a world-class hospital, while HSBC Centre opened its new office building this year.

One of the outstanding plans for Bonifacio Global City's business landscape is to attract the Philippine Stock Exchange to move to the new CBD.

With the city's business landscape quickly taking shape with various top corporations establishing their headquarters at Bonifacio Global City, the new CBD is fast becoming the new, alternative location for the Philippine business sector. "It sends a signal that this is the emerging business district," says Bisnar, who asserts that Bonifacio Global City will complement other business districts like Makati City, which remains the country's financial district.



Bonifacio Global City-- the country's next premier CBD.

An Urban Melting Pot

Bonifacio Global City has proven itself highly attractive to local and foreign investors as well as multinational companies. "They like Bonifacio Global City because of the security they feel here," Bisnar asserts. This has led to an increase in developments in the office sector. In fact, even the Chancery of Singapore has already started its construction.

Aside from security, the strategic location of Bonifacio Global City is another strong consideration for companies and businesses. Bonifacio Global City is conveniently located within reach of the neighbouring Makati and Ortigas CBDs as well as the domestic and international airports. Contributing to the city's multiculturalism is the presence of several international schools such as the British School, the Japanese School, and International School Manila. True to its name, the city epitomizes not only global standards, but a global community living, working, and playing in the new CBD of the Creative Age.



One of the international schools found in Bonifacio Global City.

BGC.
The new
CBD of the
Creative
Age?



Bonifacio
Global City
Home of passionate minds

In today's Creative Age, whoever has a great idea has power. So naturally, people will gravitate toward the place where they can generate and share ideas on a global scale. And because Bonifacio Global City is truly a Global City, it will soon become a melting pot for the international community, a premier business hub, diplomatic row, learning center, and retail mecca. This is the City of Ideas. The home of passionate minds.

For inquiries on Bonifacio Global City, please call 818-3601. For lot sales, please call 757-6116. You may also email us at info@bonifacioglobalcity.com.ph or log on to www.bonifacioglobalcity.com.ph

IN THIS ISSUE

■ **Technology meets reality in new mobile phones /C2**

Website: www.inquirer.net/lifestyle Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

sms feedback: inquirer life name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) and 386 (Smart) or email us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

■ **Chukri Prieto and Ines Delgado say 'I do' /F1**

Mother bloggers

By Cathy S. Babao Guballa

ACCORDING TO THE GLOSSARY on www.matisse.net, a blog is "a journal that is available on the web," the activity of updating a blog is called "blogging" and someone who keeps a blog is a "blogger."

Blogs are usually written by one person and are updated pretty regularly. Blogs are often (but not always) written around a particular topic. You can find blogs on virtually any topic you can think of. Whole blog communities have sprung up around some of these topics, putting people into contact with one another in relationships where they can share ideas, make friends and even do business with people with similar interests from around the world.

Darren Rowse, a very popular and insightful pro-blogger, gives this piece of advice to newbies: "The best place to start thinking about what your blog should be about is to consider what you are about."

Therapy

There was a time in my recent past when I was so burnt out I thought I had lost the gift to write. Blogging has helped me find myself again.

My primary blog "Midlife Mysteries" (www.nancydrewandme.blogspot.com) talks about "everything warm, wise and wonderful about the life of a 40-something mother, wife and writer," and I belong to several blog communities such as Christian Women Online (www.christianwomenonline.net) and locally, the Pinoy Moms Network (www.pinoy-momsnetwork.com).

Blogging is a form of therapy. It is a way of processing one's inner thoughts and feelings and finding other like-minded individuals on the journey.

Over at Pinoy Moms Network, I have come across and made friends with some really interesting women.

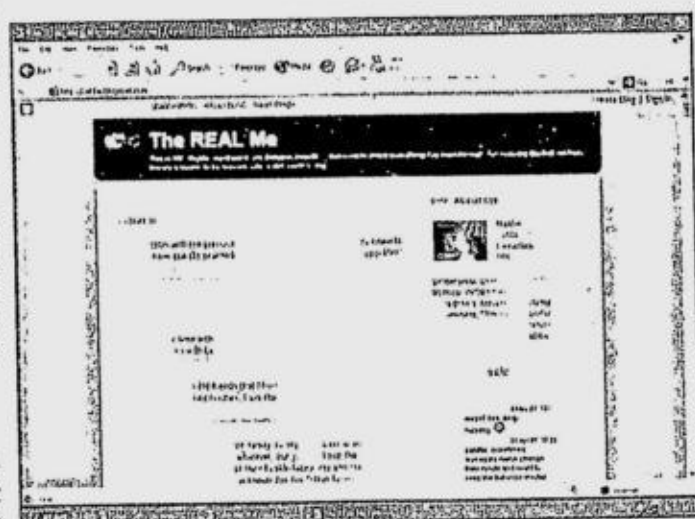
There is Noemi Dado, who blogs at www.aboutmyrecovery.com and whom I consider my blogging mentor. We met through the shared experience of losing a son, and she helped tutor me and get me set up with my first blog. Her site, which has received quite a number of awards from the blogging community, talks about her grief journey. Dado runs a webhosting business and blogs about other interesting stuff as well.

Her friend Connie Veneracion, who helped set up the Pinoy Moms Network, blogs over at www.pinoycook.net and www.sassy-lawyer.com. From the titles alone you can glean what Veneracion's passions are. Veneracion, who works mainly from home, says she blogs primarily because blogging allows her to maintain her individuality.

"It is a common thing for nonworking moms to get lost in trying to be the perfect wife and mother that they lose sight of the significance of the self," she says.

Myra Co, another mother blogger who blogs at <http://ode2old.blogspot.com>, wanted to address "the needs of golden and golden folks like me." Her blog's tagline—"Come grow old with me, the best is yet to

Blogging is a form of therapy, a way of processing one's inner thoughts and feelings and finding other like-minded individuals on the journey



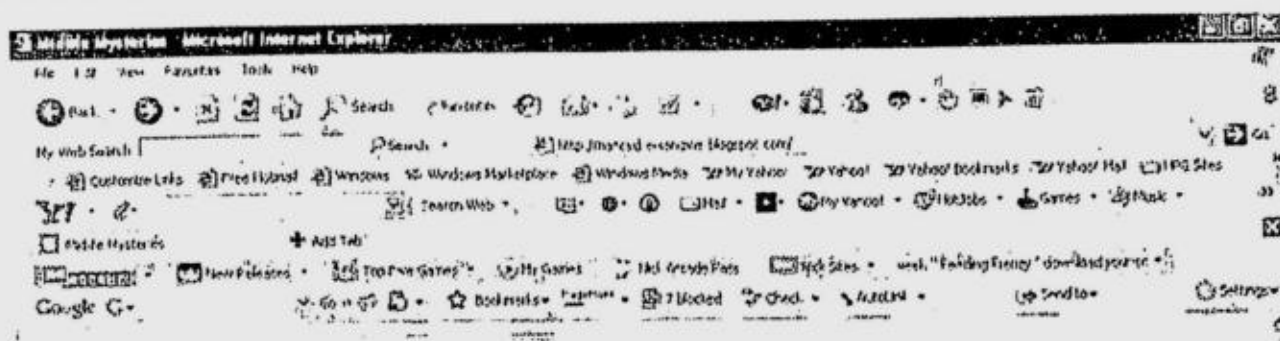
SINGLE parent Lisaflor Bacani's "The Real Me" at www.zahflo.blogspot.com

be," says it all.

Single parent Lisaflor Bacani of "The Real Me" (www.zahflo.blogspot.com) was encouraged to blog by a good friend after a breakup. She finds blogging liberating and says that a personal blog should be something that you're comfortable with.

"You shouldn't impress other people. In-

MOTHER/C7



MIDLIFE MYSTERIES

Great Food



THE COLUMNIST'S primary blog at www.nancydrewandme.blogspot.com

ROOTS AND WINGS
Cathy Babao-Guballa

Protecting your child from a world wide web of danger

IN MY HOUSE THERE IS ONLY ONE computer that my 16-year-old, my 8-year-old and my husband share. Up until recently, I had to squeeze in time for myself there, though now I have a Dell laptop that I bought for myself last Mother's Day.

The family computer is centrally located in an area of the house where there is heavy traffic. At any given time, I am able to check on the sites my children visit whenever they take their turns on the PC. My son only goes to Nickelodeon while my daughter likes to surf her friends' Multiply accounts and various sites for recre-

ation and education.

The recent uproar over the social networking site MySpace made me think about Internet safety once more. News reports say that the website MySpace has discovered thousands of sex offenders on its site, prompting attorney generals from eight states to write and ask the social networking hub to reveal how many registered sex offenders are using the site.

In response, MySpace cited the federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act as a reason to not comply with the request. As a parent, that

certainly incensed me. Though we are many miles away, whether you are in California, Connecticut, New York, Hong Kong or Manila, sexual predators still abound and the Internet provides many potential dangers.

How safe is your child from the dangers of the Internet?

Being the mother of an adolescent, I always try to keep up with what's new in her world. As much as my 42-year-old brain can muster, I take extra effort to be tech-savvy.

A very good resource to check out is The Plugged In Parent blog over at

PROTECTING/C7

Experience

High Class Conference

Live Out Package **Php 600.00 net/pax**
Live In Package **from 1,650.00 net/pax**

FREE WIFI • BUSINESS CTR • GYM • SPA

No.1 J. Felipe St. cor. Gibraltar Rd., Baguio City
(near Good Shepherd, St. Joseph Church, & Mines View Park)

Tel. No. (Baguio): (074) 619-0367
www.hotelelizabeth.com.ph

Manila Reservations Office: (632) 912-2691 • Trunk Line: (632) 911-2161 local 148 • Fax: (632) 912-2693

Fersal Place Hotel
CONFERENCE PACKAGES

from **P 495.00 net/pax/day** (LIVE-OUT PACKAGE)
1,388.00 net/pax/day (LIVE-IN PACKAGE)

131 Malakas St., Diliman, Quezon City • Tel. No. (632) 426-7308 • reservations@fersalplace.com.ph

FERSAL INN
Newly renovated rooms reservations@fersalinn.com.ph
from **P 650.00 to 950.00 net/pax** (Deluxe Room) (Base on Twin Sharing)

(With FREE BREAKFAST applicable to all room types valid until May 31, 2007)

- P. Tuazon St., Cubao, Quezon City Tel.: (632) 912-8000
- Annapolis St., Cubao, Quezon City Tel.: (632) 912-5852
- Neptune St., Makati City Tel.: (632) 897-9123
- Kalayaan Avenue, Quezon City Tel.: (632) 924-2689
- Andalucia St., Sta. Cruz, Manila Tel.: (632) 742-7292

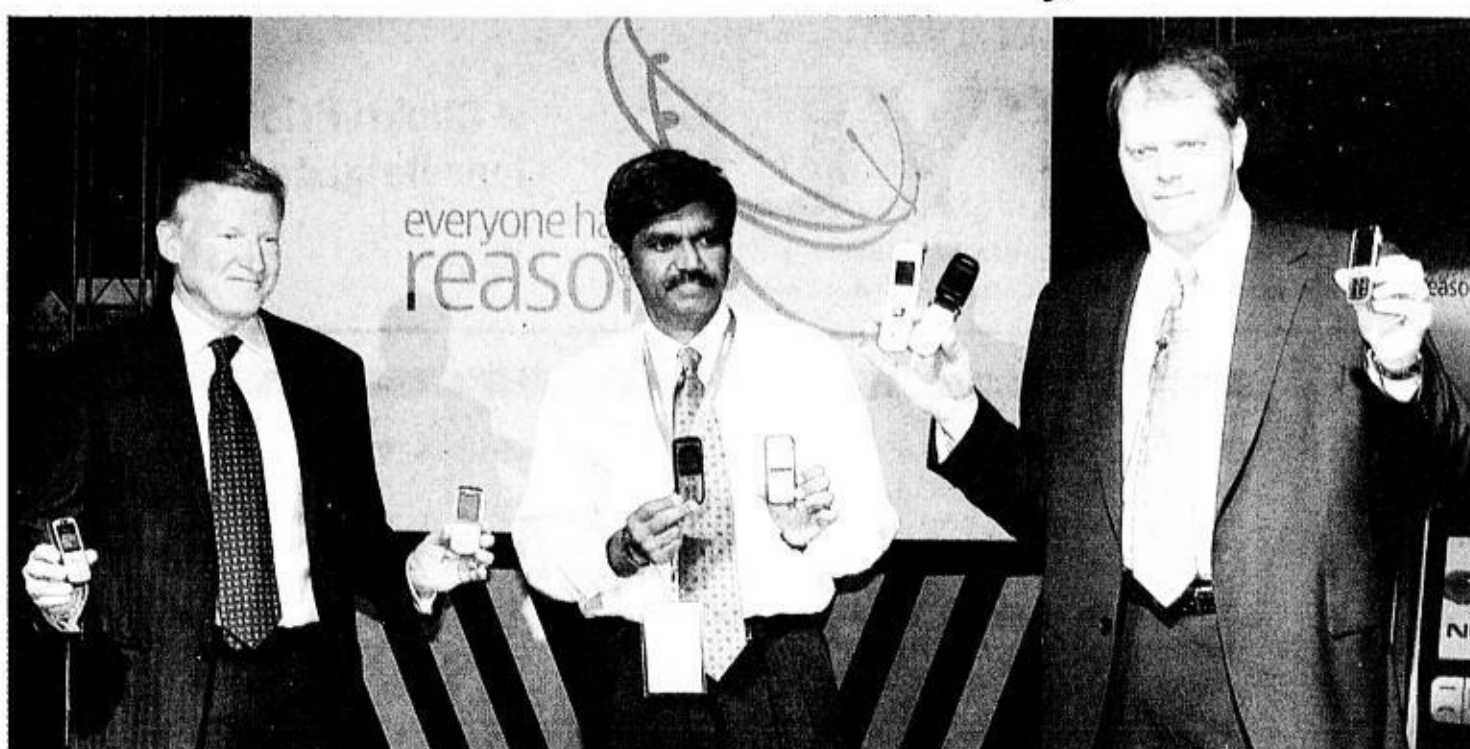
Inn Cafe "Dining with pleasure at affordable prices"

Manila Reservations Office: (632) 912-2691 • Trunk Line: (632) 911-2161 local 148 • Fax: (632) 912-2693



Now there's a new way to C new friends!





SEVEN FOR MANKIND. Nokia officials Urpo Karjalainen, D. Shivakumar and Soren Petersen during the launch of Nokia's seven new entry-level handsets in New Delhi

Cell phones with flashlights are ideal for India and other developing countries with intermittent power interruptions

Built from the ground up

A FLASHLIGHT BUILT INTO A CELL phone is perhaps one feature not even Q of the British Secret Service would have thought of.

As the fictional inventor of deadly weapons and life-saving devices masquerading as everyday gadgets in all those James Bond flicks, Q would have been so detached from present-day, third-world realities as he toiled quietly inside a state-of-the-art lab in air-conditioned comfort.

But that's not the case as far as Nokia's engineers and designers are concerned. Rather than gather inputs from thin air and limit themselves within a sterile environment, the company's numerous R&D teams base their decisions to craft the perfect phones on the ground.

"We've been doing products for emerging markets for almost a decade now," said Soren Petersen, Nokia's SVP for entry business unit, mobile phones. "Being first on the ground in India, China and Africa has given us a better position in understanding how these markets work."

The latest fruits of its labor are seven new phones (the 1200, 1650 and 2760 will hit stores in July, while the 1208 and 2630 will be out in September) launched recently in New Delhi. As their brief descriptions suggest, these communication devices are rugged and sturdy enough to work in the hinterlands, yet sleek and versatile enough to command attention in the cities.

• Nokia 1200 and 1208. Apart from the built-in flashlights and dust-resistant key mats, these phones are equipped with shared phonebooks, which allow users to create up to five phonebooks, making it easier for them—from family members to co-workers—to share phones.

Time tracker sets a time limit to calls with the call disconnecting after the elapsed time, while a call tracker helps user determine the cost of a call. It works in conjunction with a prepaid tracker, which shows the prepaid account balance on the handset after each transaction. Both phones are also equipped with noise-cancellation filters to reduce ambient noise and improve voice/reception quality.

• Nokia 2630 and 2760.

These fold phones, with linear and flowing surfaces, are meant for the more fashion-savvy on a budget.

The 2760 features a digital camera with 4X zoom, video capture and playback, dual displays and enhanced features such as Bluetooth, GPRS, FM radio, MP3 ring tones, and voice recorder.

• Nokia 2505. This fold phone was also created for the style-conscious consumer who craves simplicity. It comes in a compact and sleek design in three colors, and with such features as color display, FM radio, calendar, integrated speaker phone, 300 phonebook entries, alarm clock, stopwatch, countdown timer, internal vibra alert, voice reminder and, yes, flashlight.

• Nokia 1650. Design-wise, the 1650 comes with concave and convex surfaces inspired by the contours of the human body. It features a large color display, FM radio and other standard features such as MP3-grade ring tones, large phonebook, flashlight and, like the 1200 and 1208, phone-sharing capability.

• Nokia 2660. This fold phone is packed with features to help multitasking consumers organize their lives. It has dual displays and enhanced features such as Bluetooth, GPRS, FM radio, MP3 ring tones and voice recorder.

On top of added features like e-mail support and mobile Internet access via a WAP browser, the 2660's organizer has a calendar that gives weekly and monthly overviews, and an expense manager to help user manage basic finances.

It also supports MMS and Nokia Xpress Audio Messaging, which enable the user to record, edit and send an audio message to a receiver.

• Nokia 2630. Dubbed by Nokia insiders as the "barracuda" (a product that stands out from the pack), the sleek, silver/black 2630 is the company's slimmest phone (at 9.9 mm) to date.

With up to 11 MB of user memory, the 2630 allows storage of up to 100 pictures. It has extra large space for up to 1,000 contacts in the phonebook. Users who want to save texts will be delighted by its large capacity to store messages.

It also has sharing and connectivity features such as Bluetooth, GPRS, e-mail, and Internet to enable users to share with and receive content from friends. Now even Q would be amused.

Alex Y. Vergara

Let there be light

By Alex Y. Vergara

A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, Soren Petersen and his colleagues at Nokia experienced one of their many epiphanies in perhaps one of the most unlikely of places: a five-star hotel in Mumbai, India's teeming financial capital and home to its iconic Bollywood films.

"We were in the middle of a press conference when all the lights went out," recalled Petersen, Nokia's SVP for entry business unit, mobile phones. "The lights came back in an instant not from the ballroom's chandeliers, but from 40 or so people who thought of pressing and holding up their cell phones."

It didn't take long for Nokia to establish, well, the connection. Incorporating built-in flashlights in cell phones may sound a bit absurd to people living in affluent countries, but it may be what people in India and other developing countries faced with intermittent power interruptions are looking for.

"It's the kind of stuff you don't learn in a lab," said Petersen. "Such things you learn from interacting directly with your target market."

And such ideas, no matter how strange they may seem at first, shouldn't be brushed aside or taken lightly. While most manufacturers dream of selling units by the millions, cell phone makers such as Nokia now make projections by the billions.

Recent studies Nokia conducted estimate that there are currently three billion mobile phone subscribers worldwide (36 percent use a Nokia handset).

By 2010, the number of cell phone users regardless of brand is expected to jump to four billion. Half of the new growth will come from so-called emerging markets such as China, Latin America, Africa and, yes, India.

"Over six million subscribers are added monthly in India alone," said Urpo Karjalainen, Nokia's SVP for customer and market operations, Asia-Pacific.

Emerging markets

Asia-Pacific's significance as a market wasn't lost on a research-driven company such as Nokia, which fittingly chose New Delhi to recently launch seven new phones aimed primarily at first-time users in emerging markets (see sidebar).

During the two-day event held at the posh Shangri-La New Delhi, Nokia went beyond its world-famous motto "Connecting People" by adopting a new and exclusive catchphrase for the launch: "Everyone Has a Reason."

Due to the oppressive heat (42°C under the shade!), organizers decided to

move the opening ceremonies featuring the "Nokia Express" from a historic railroad station to the hotel's air-conditioned ballroom, where a pair of faux trains set on faux railroad tracks acted as backdrops.

Organizers couldn't have come up with a more apt theme, as the seven phones, apart from being improvements on Nokia's previous innovations, were products of extensive research on the ground.

Through a series of speeches, workshops and video presentations featuring actual Nokia users in Nepal, China and Kenya, Nokia officials like Petersen repeatedly underscored the importance of market research in the brand's efforts to expand its market.

"Rural doesn't necessarily mean poor," said Rauno Granath, Nokia Siemens network's director of solutions development. "Wealth is specifically tied to their land and livestock, but rural income is irregular. We have to work around such limitations by finding affordable solutions for our various markets."

(Now on its pilot run in several villages in India, the Nokia Siemens village connection is expected to fuel demand for more handsets as people in remote communities gain access to affordable connectivity through third-party entrepreneurs.)

Even the seemingly unique third-world concept of *tingi* in the form of inexpensive prepaid phone cards that help boost cell phones' market penetration didn't escape Nokia's notice.

"Buying a phone is a one-time event for most consumers," said Antonio Torres, Nokia's director for business development and industry marketing, entry business unit. "Every so often, however, they each have to spend \$3-\$5 [on prepaid phone cards] a month."

Success stories

Torres then cited a success story in the Philippines, when operators further reduced the price of prepaid phone cards from \$5 to 50 cents. "The [cell phone] penetration grew by 30-40 percent," he said. "That's how important cash is in developing countries."

But if there's one true-to-life story most Filipinos would readily identify with, it's that of Nepalese cameraman Gopal Singh. Since opportunities in Nepal are limited, the father of three—like our countless OFWs—had to leave home to work in New Delhi.

"My family, including my parents, had to walk almost a mile and line up sometimes for an hour to get a chance to call me [on a public phone]," he said. "Now we can talk regularly after I got them a mobile phone."

Then there's Kenyan long-distance

runner Julius Arile, who had to spend a full day and \$15 just to travel to Nairobi to keep himself abreast of race schedules.

After buying a trusty mobile phone, he can now make a call for less than a dollar and use the rest of the day to either train or rest. He can even text his coach regularly regarding his training.

"We did 77,000 interviews to come up with the most comprehensive study ever done on mobile phones and the rationale for their use," said Petersen.

"Crafting," he continued, "isn't a mere case of semantics. We don't so much develop products as craft them. A lot of attention to details went to each product to make sure it fits individual segments."

As entry-level phones go, the Nokia 1200, 1208, 2630, 2760, 2505, 1650 and 2630 are nothing like the bulky but dependable Nokia 5110 and other entry-level models of similar make and size Nokia launched almost a decade ago.

Apart from being sleek and stylish, these latest models are equipped with, among other features, multiple phone books, dust-proof keypads, FM radios, "cost trackers," Bluetooth, cameras and, yes, built-in flashlights.

Surprisingly, despite the many features they offer, none of the phones are

priced beyond euro100. In fact, the 2760, the priciest of the bunch, costs euro90 excluding taxes and subsidies.

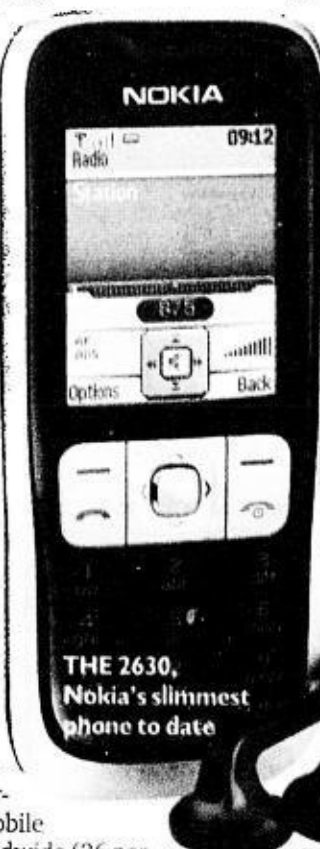
Price does influence an entry-level customer's decision to buy a consumer-durable item like a handset, but in developing countries it ranks only next to such attributes as the phone's usability, durability, reliability, appearance and the brand's track record.

"If you're going to spend at least five months of your salary on a particular item, would you go to a secluded street corner and buy it from a shady character?" asked Petersen. "Of course not. You'd ask the opinion of friends and family on how to get the best deal and value for your money."

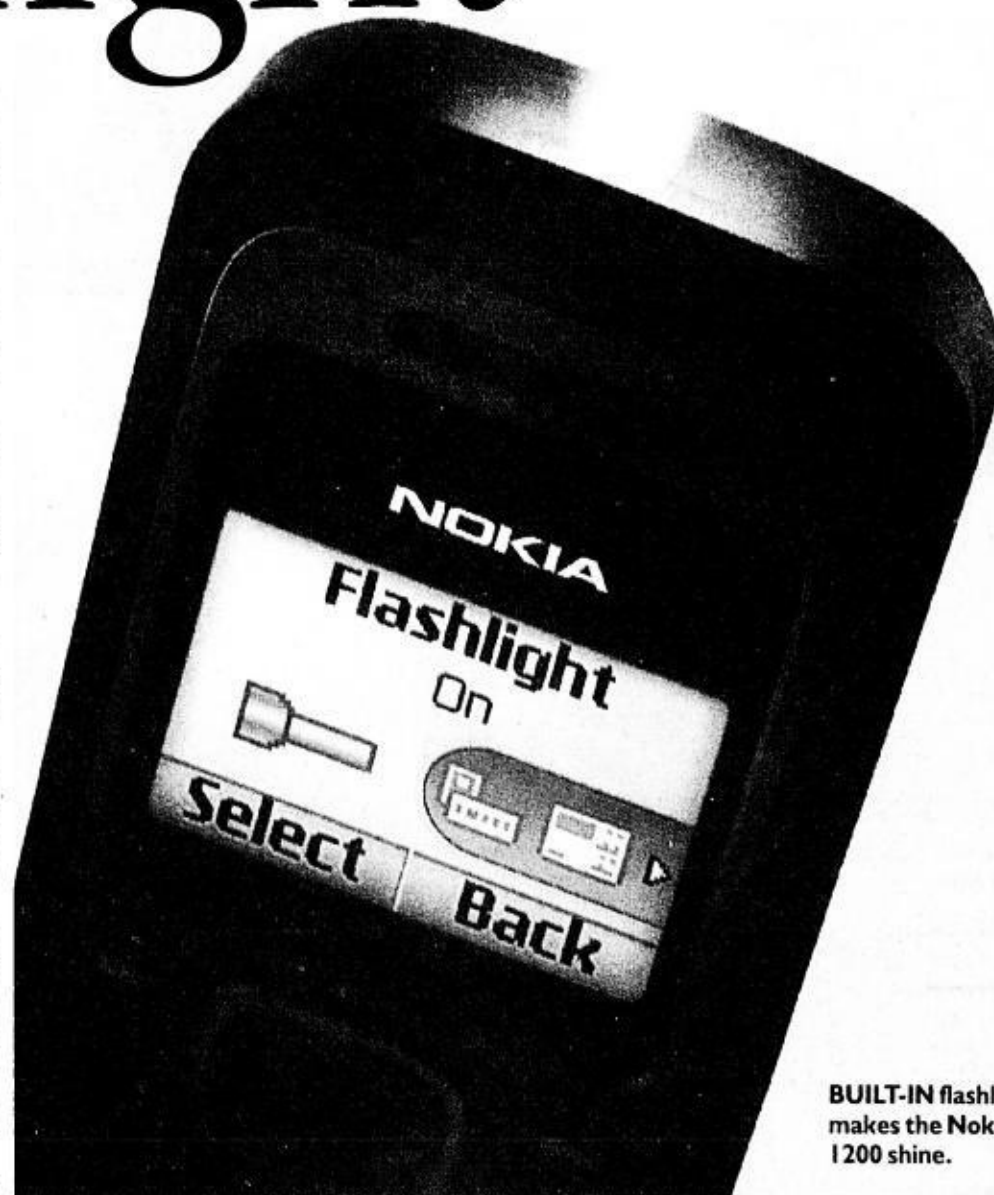
A low-income consumer, unlike his well-paid counterpart, has no room to make mistakes, added Torres. He can't buy a second phone if the one he just bought suddenly conks out.

"The process of buying a phone for a low-income consumer is like buying a car for a high-income one," he said. "A rich guy won't buy an unbranded car in the same way a salaried employee won't buy an unbranded phone just because it's cheap."

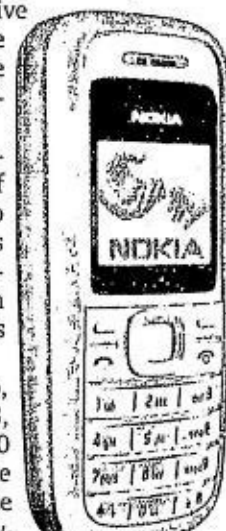
Everyone, indeed, has a reason. But no matter what people's reasons are for buying big-ticket items like cell phones, there are certain constants governing their buying behavior that transcend race, culture, geography and even purchasing power.



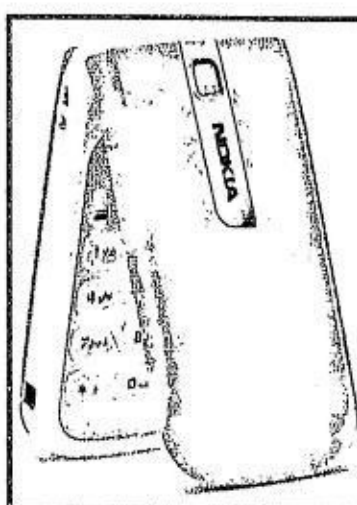
THE 2630, Nokia's slimmest phone to date



BUILT-IN flashlight makes the Nokia 1200 shine.



FULL view of the 1200



ENTRY-LEVEL wonders, the Nokia 1208, 1650, 2505, 2660, 2760 and 1650 are sleek, stylish and affordable.

Computer-aided instruction in English language



NEW HORIZONS Manila provides personalized consultation and assessment tests to determine student competencies and skill level.

TEACHER-LED AND COMPUTER-aided lessons are offered by the New Horizons English Learning Center for people who need to improve their English language skills.

The program combines the latest approaches in language learning with state-of-the-art technology. Specially trained instructors deliver lessons across 18 levels from Beginner to Upper Advanced, with each level designed to address different skills.

The listening skills module covers exposure to different accents, attention to significant details and nuances of speech and understanding the general meaning of a sound or video clip based on specific themes.

Under reading and comprehension, New Horizon offers exposure to vocabulary and spelling conventions and understanding the main ideas and supporting details in a variety of topic-based articles.

Speaking includes pronunciation, dialogue and role-play speech practice (specific topics for everyday use).

Grammar covers parts of speech and correct usage, writing and composition skills, and special focus on different grammar topics per level.

Optional classes called Conversation Clubs let students practice and gain confidence in public speaking.

New Horizons students are also given exclusive access to English Online Anytime, an international website providing interactive activities for listening, reading, speaking and grammar skills.

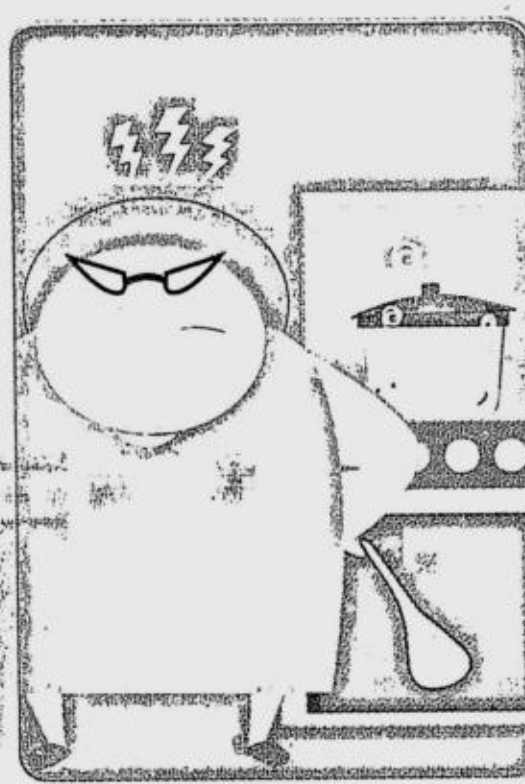
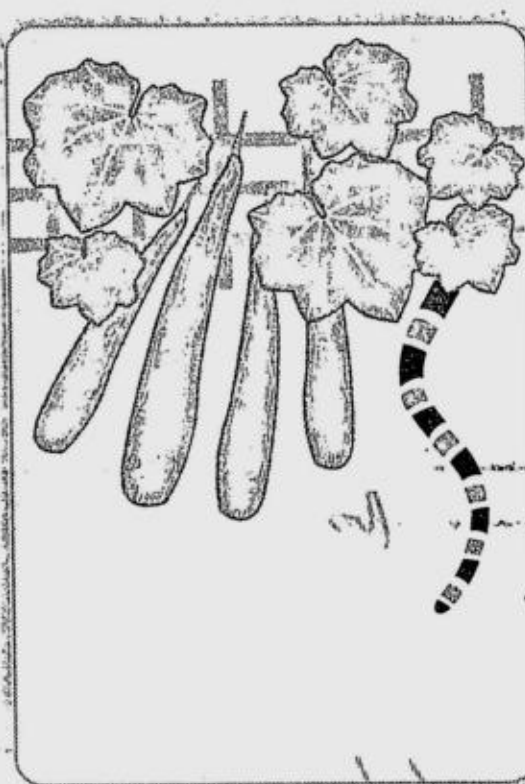
Students can also interact with learners from other New Horizons centers around the world. English Online Anytime provides homework exercises and multimedia learning tools to students wherever there is Internet connection!

New Horizons Manila provides personalized consultation and assessment tests to determine student competencies and skill level.

The 22-year-old learning center has become the largest provider of classroom training in the world. Its international headquarters is in Anaheim, California, United States. Two regional corporate offices are in the Netherlands and Singapore.

New Horizons has a network of over 2,000 instructors handling 375,000 classes a year in over 280 locations in over 60 countries, serving 2.4 million students each year.

New Horizons English Learning Center is at 2/F, Casmer Building, 195 Salcedo St., Legazpi Village, Makati City; tel. 8122000.

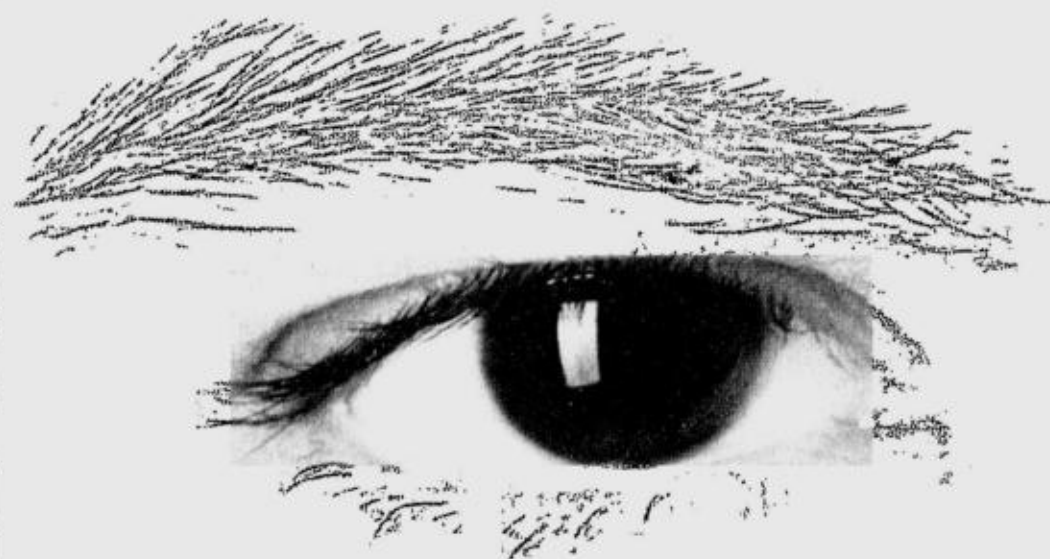


Instant na ang misua ni Nanay!

Ang unang instant misua ng Nissin ay may sarap ng manok-at patola. Fat-free pa.



Misua mismo.



C someone in a whole new light!



Faster. Better. Smarter! - 3G from Smart



Come, see and be part of the Philippines' first mobile video community from Smart

A member of
meetme
WORLDWIDE
COMMUNITY

**Another 3G Innovation from SMART.
Video Call *8336 now!**

Smart Communications, Inc. (SMART) offers 3G technology to both prepaid and postpaid subscribers through Smart 3G, the country's first mobile broadband service that allows for richer, fuller lifestyles. With SMART 3G, diverse and relevant applications are put literally in one's hands, such as high-speed Internet access and rich mobile multimedia services like video calling, video streaming, videoke downloads, full music track downloads, and now, even social networking and speed dating!

VIDEO CALLING

SMART subscribers may communicate face-to-face with loved ones and friends here and abroad,

anytime, anywhere, through 3G. To make an international video call, dial the country code, the area code, and the number of the person being called, then choose "Video Call" in the phone's Calling Options. To make a local video call, go to Phonebook and choose the number of the person being called, then choose "Video Call" in Calling Option. For the price of a regular voice call, video calling offers a richer, more personal way for people to keep in touch.

VIDEO MAIL

Enrich video calling via video mail, which lets 3G subscribers deposit and retrieve a recorded video message. When the party being

called cannot be reached, the call is redirected to the SMART Video Mailbox. The service answers the call and gives the caller an option to leave a video recording for the unavailable recipient. Upon message deposit, the service sends a short message to the recipient notifying of a video mail in the mailbox. Recipient can then call *3411 to retrieve the message. The video message can be retrieved within 3 days after receipt. A maximum of 3 video messages can be stored in video mail inbox.

Video streaming. With 3G, SMART subscribers may also watch their favorite TV shows while on the go. Popular GMA 7 TV

shows like 24 Oras, Unang Hirit, Showbiz Central, and Eat Bulaga, and ABS-CBN programs such as Wowowee, The Buzz, and Pinoy Big Brother, are available for viewing via SMART 3G. Go to wap.smart.com.ph/3G on your phone's browser, click on the link of the content you want to view, and enjoy video streaming!

MOBILE EYE

The Mobile Eye is a device that enables SMART subscribers to closely monitor their household, businesses, and everything else they value most. This new device does not require any special installation and may easily be set up within a specified venue as long as

there is so very is made through mobile phone able to capture even be speaker

HIGH SMART

experience broadband relay info simply PC or Bluetooth also ac

es'
SMART.

come on SMART

DAHIL
SMART
TAYO

SMART
offers 3G
technology
to both
prepaid
and
postpaid
subscribers
through
Smart 3G,
the
country's
first
mobile
broadband
service
that allows
for richer,
fuller
lifestyles

3G signal. Accessing it is as simple and easy as access possible by using video call a 3G-enabled SMART mobile. Subscribers will now be view what the Mobile Eye is on the other end and may heard as it has a built-in

SPEED INTERNET

SMART subscribers can also enjoy a greater mobile convenience using their 3G phones as a modem to access and information via the Internet, by connecting their phone to a laptop via a USB Cable or with SMART subscribers may access the internet at broad-

band speeds right on their cellphone. Subscribers can simply go their phone's web browser and select a site from the phone's bookmarks or just key in the web address or URL of the site they want to visit.

The fast broadband speed of SMART 3G makes it easier for subscribers to surf the web and access relevant and popular internet services, such as E-mail, Instant Messaging, Audio and Video Downloads, Yahoo!, Google, Friendster, MySpace, among others, using their 3G-capable phones. All this can be done at a very affordable rate of only P10 for every 30-minute use, without any worries about per-kilobyte charges. Only with High-speed Internet via SMART 3G can

subscribers experience an affordable and easily accessible way to get online.

MOBILE VIDEOKE SMART's Mobile Videoke is perfect for Filipinos who simply love to sing. For a fee of P30 per download, a subscriber may select and download a videoke track from the SMART wap site, save it in their phone (Gallery) and play it anytime. Mobile Videoke has the elements of an ordinary videoke -- the song's lyrics are superimposed over a series of images, and videoke buffs can enjoy crooning with their earphones on, or they can turn up the volume and sing with others.

Full-track downloading. SMART

subscribers can also download full music tracks at P50 per track. It's quite similar to downloading from iTunes or listening to an iPod, and much better than a ring tone download that only consists of a fragment of the music. SMART 3G provides music lovers with a variety of content, including OPM, pop, rock and RnB music. Teens can listen to the haunting sounds of Coldplay, the soothing music of Nora Jones and the heart-stopping tunes of Bamboo. Generation X users can enjoy the music they grew up with. Eighties tracks from the likes of David Bowie, Queen, Culture Club and UB40 are available. Even fans of classic tunes can listen to the songs of all-time

greats like Sinatra and Nat King Cole.

NATIONWIDEST COVERAGE

SMART has the widest 3G coverage in the country, with more than 1,000 base stations serving major cities and municipalities nationwide. With SMART's rapidly growing 3G network, join the hundreds of thousands of SMART subscribers across the country who experience the wonders of richer, fuller lifestyles through 3G. Activate your SMART 3G now. Text SET 3G <phone model> to 211. Don't have a 3G phone? Upgrade to a 3G phone by getting a SMART Buddy prepaid phonekit, or get it free on a SMART Gold postpaid plan.



BEA Gomez receives her certificate.



"CRAZY Jeep," by Noah Ramos



LUCAS Ramos with Juvenal Sansó



MULTIMEDIA artwork by Megan Chua

Little hands, big art, lots of heart

A Heart-to-Heart Talk with Christopher de Leon

From his tour de force performance on his first film, *Tinimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang*, which gave him the 1974 FAMAS best actor award, to the countless other critically-acclaimed movies in his career, Christopher de Leon has displayed a remarkable passion—and heart—for his craft.

He is thankful for the talent that made him one of the top performers in the local entertainment industry, but credits his success to the best directors in local cinema.

Moreover, the actor has a deep spiritual life. He is an active member of the Catholic charismatic movement and is fondly called Brother Bo in the Oasis of Love community.

Keeping his heart healthy and protected is a top concern because it is the center of activity in the body. It pumps life-giving blood, oxygen and nutrients to the tissues and organs, and gives him the strength and stamina to handle his grueling work schedule.

Heart Protection with Ensure
In addition to diet, exercise and stress management, he helps keep his heart healthy and protected by drinking a glass of Ensure everyday.

It's the no. 1 complete and balanced adult nutritional drink recommended by doctors worldwide. Ideal for those who wish to follow a heart-healthy diet, it has an improved fat blend rich in mono- and polyunsaturated fatty acids, the so-called "good fats", that meets the standards of the American Heart Association and the National Cholesterol Education Program.*

Ensure helps prevent cholesterol build-up and helps keep blood pressure in check. It is fortified with fiber and antioxidants to help protect heart tissue from free radicals that can damage the arteries. With a healthy lifestyle, Ensure can help reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.

Ensure comes in vanilla and chocolate flavors and can be used as a supplement or sole source of nutrition. It has 28 essential vitamins and minerals, and can be included in various recipes to meet one's daily nutritional needs.

With a rich harvest of acting awards and blockbuster hits, Christopher de Leon is undoubtedly one of the most respected and enduring artists in the local film, tv and music business.

His advice to the new breed of performers: "Love your work and it will love you back."

* On the level of dietary cholesterol and sodium, and the absence of trans fat

"SMALL HANDS, BIG ART," ORGANIZED by Sheila Ramos and Le Soufflé's chef Jessie Sincioco, brings together 35 children, 3-12 years old, from various artistic disciplines.

Now on its second year, "Small Hands, Big Art" children's art exhibit runs until May 31 at Le Soufflé at Fernando's, Rockwell Club, Makati City.

The exhibit opening was graced by the gifted artists and their families, as well as various art patrons and art lovers who showed their support.

Guest of honor was multi-awarded painter Juvenal Sansó, a recent awardee of the distinguished Cross of Isabela by Spanish King Juan Carlos for his outstanding accomplishments in the arts and for his exemplary work across national boundaries.

Sansó delivered a brief inspirational talk that encouraged the children to love what they do and continue expressing themselves through art. He also reminded them to continue honing their skills to become great artists.



LE SOUFFLÉ'S Jessie Sincioco



JOEY, Martha, Arian Yupangco with Doctor Liboro

Pope Benedict XVI blesses school cornerstone laying

POPE BENEDICT XVI RECENTLY BESTOWED his formal blessing on the cornerstone of the Legionaries of Christ's first ever school in Asia, the Everest Academy Manila.

Established in 1941 by Fr. Marcial Maciel, the youngest congregation founder in the history of the Catholic Church, Legionaries of Christ is today present in 20 countries, with over 700 priests and 2,500 seminarians, along with 68,000 members of the Regnum Christi, its energetic lay movement.

The Legionaries' impassioned call to live the Catholic faith to the fullest has struck a chord in lay persons throughout the world, transforming many lives.

Education is a key avenue through which Legionaries of Christ serves the Church. Everest Academy Manila in Bonifacio Global City, a Catholic international school with over 230 sister schools and universities worldwide, opens its doors for the 2007-2008 school year, implementing the Integral Formation SM

THE POPE blesses the cornerstone of Legionaries of Christ's Everest Academy Manila, a Catholic international school.



method of education developed by Legionaries of Christ.

This method features a balanced program of excellence in academics, spiritual formation, character development, and service to others—all in a highly personalized atmosphere.

Blessed with dedicated men and women who have chosen a life of service to others and to the Catholic Church, Everest Academy Manila ensures that children develop the academic, human, spiritual, and leadership skills needed to meet the challenges of a complex world.

Semper Altius, the school's motto, sums up the spirit of Everest Academy Manila—"Always higher!"

The school is accepting applications for Grades 1 and 2 for the 2007-08 school year. Visit www.everestmanila.com, e-mail admissions@everestmanila.com, or call 8825019. Visit 3846 38th Drive North, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays.

School for learning and adventure

ETON INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, located at 1839 Dr. Vasquez St. in Malate, Manila, has pioneered a system-learning style that aims for global education at a personalized level, ensuring children's "Three Absolutes—Learning, Adventure and Future."

Dr. Jacquelin Marzan-Tolentino, ME, Ph.D., Eton's directress, says, "Life at Eton is best represented by our students. They are leaders in their life, family and community. They see the world with the eyes of equality, the heart of compassion, the hands of commitment and the feet of perseverance. They are passionate in their beliefs, know how to set goals and take actions to reach them. We nurture them to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitude for a changing world, where leadership by understanding, leadership by example and leadership by service is the yardstick for success."

A free orientation program is given to parents via www.etonph.com. Call 5262994-95 or visit 3/F Robinson's Place Manila.




Presents

Asian Flavors

FOR THE GLOBAL PALATE






Discover the allure of Asia's varied cuisines and their emergence as a dominant culinary trend both here and in the West.

The country's top foodservice professionals come together to share their passion for Filipino and Asian flavors.

Catch on-the-spot cooking and baking demonstrations, interesting lectures, and Q&A forums. Enjoy raffle prizes, product samplings, giveaways, and more!

Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 1:00 – 6:30 pm



C3 Events Place
18 Missouri St., North Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila

Contact the Events department at (02) 7592022 to reserve your seat now!
Visit www.fbworld.ph for more details













annamanila's

Ode2Old (the best is yet to be)

On wings of retirement, Annamania is certain there are better, more important things ahead. Join her in this adventure!

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007

QUOTES2SWEETLY GROW OLD BY

MYRA Co blogs at <http://ode2old.blogspot.com>.

Mother bloggers

From page C1

stead, be yourself. Your readers will be able to see through your words."

Julie Custodio Fuentes, who writes at Teacher Julie (www.teacherjulie.com), provides information on special education and parenting special children. She says blogging has helped her learn more from other mothers and also provides her a venue to help those dealing with children with special needs.

Maria Luisa Pages, another single mother of two, talks about her journey and the challenges of juggling her studies and parenting two boys on www.beyondnormal.wordpress.com.

"Don't be afraid to write down your thoughts," Pages says. "Your experience, no matter how shallow, might inspire someone out there."

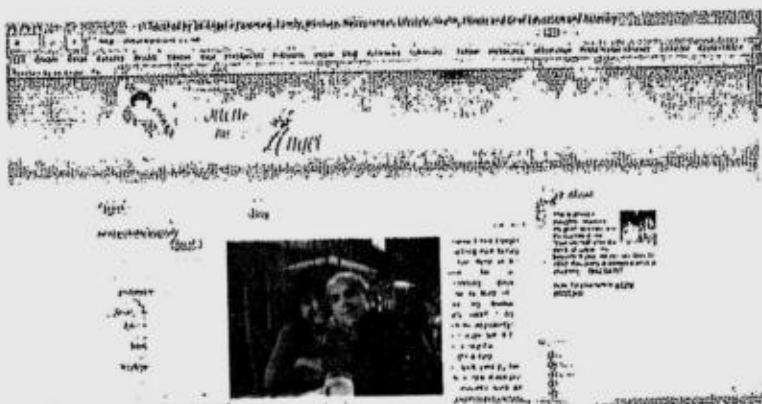
Blogs are typically updated daily using a software that allows people with little or no technical background to update and maintain the blog. Postings on a blog are almost always arranged in chronological order with the most recent additions featured most prominently.

Confidence

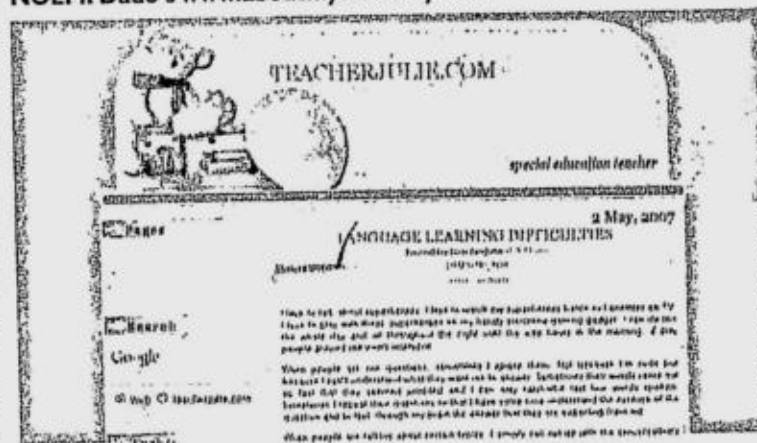
"The blogger, by virtue of simply writing down whatever is on his mind, will be confronted with his own thoughts and opinions," explains Rebecca Blood, a professional blogger (someone who gets paid to blog) on www.rebeccablood.net.

"Blogging every day, he will become a more confident writer. A community of 100 or 20 or three people may spring up around the public record of his thoughts. Being met with friendly voices, he may gain more confidence in his view of the world; he may begin to experiment with longer forms of writing, to play with haiku or to begin a creative project—one that he would have dismissed as being inconsequential or doubted he could complete only a few months before."

"As he enunciates his opinions daily, this new awareness of his inner life may develop into a trust in his own perspective. His own reactions—to a poem, to other people, and, yes, to the media—will carry more weight with him.

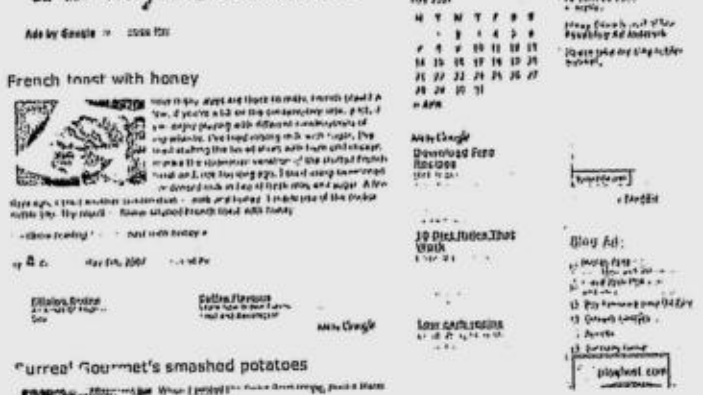


NOEMI Dado's www.aboutmyrecovery.com



JULIE Custodio Fuentes' www.teacherjulie.com

Pinoycook.net



CONNIE Veneracion's www.pinoycook.net

Accustomed to expressing his thoughts on his website, he will be able to more fully articulate his opinions to himself and others."

Personally, I have found blogging to be a great exercise in creativity and self-reflection. However, it can also be an exercise in self-promotion, and though the best personal blogs are those where the author's honesty shines through, one still needs to be careful about what is said online, considering the implications

on those who read your pieces. Whatever you choose to blog about, try to do it well and let it inspire others. Wherever you may be on your life's journey, and regardless of writing skills, blogging, if you allow it to, can lead you to places within and help you discover strengths you didn't think you had.

Now, go and just blog it.

E-mail the author at cathyguballa@gmail.com

Blog tips for beginners

Keep it simple. Start with a free and easy-to-use blogging tool like Blogger (www.blogger.com). Pick a simple design and just start writing. You can tweak the design and make it look good later.

Write for yourself. It takes time for others to find and read your blog, so use it as a space to think out loud about the things that interest you. Pick topics that you are passionate about, and you'll find people with similar interests who will connect with you.

Interact with your readers. Make sure your blog has a "comment" feature. When someone leaves a comment, e-mail him or her or leave a reply comment. People will come back if you take the time to acknowledge and interact with them.

Set boundaries and think about the purpose of your blog. Remember that what you are writing is in a public domain, so you might want to refrain from talking about your personal life. People will find it. Decide up front about what you would and would not write about and stick to it.

Read other blogs and link to those that interest you. One of the best things about blogging is how it connects people who think through similar issues. Link to them, add your own ideas, leave comments on their blogs. Blogging can bring about rich and wonderful conversations and lead to lasting friendships.

Be patient, post regularly and have fun. It can take a long time to build up a readership. In the meantime, just enjoy the writing process. Make it a daily exercise (it takes some discipline) and don't give up if it seems no one is reading—yet. Just be yourself and have fun!

Source: Darren Rowse at www.livingroom.org

Ready. A bead of sweat is poised above one eyebrow.

Get set. Your muscles tense, awaiting movement.

GO.



Whether you're an ordinary person going about your daily routine or a professional athlete training for an important competition, you face strenuous activities that make you sweat. Unfortunately, fluid loss from sweating can result to loss of essential minerals that your body needs to stay active. Excessive fluid loss during any vigorous activity can even lead to heat stroke and exhaustion. That's why it's important to take enough liquids before, during, and after these tiring tasks.



Most people mistakenly assume that water is the best drink after a heavy workout or a trip to the beach. Unfortunately, water lacks the nutrients to give you the energy you need. It cannot replace electrolyte nutrients like sodium and potassium that are lost when you sweat.

Carbonated drinks can't do the trick either. While research claims that people are more likely to drink carbonated drinks than water, these drinks easily leave you with a full stomach, preventing you from drinking enough to regain all your lost minerals.



What's important is quality, not quantity. What you need is a good source of minerals and nutrients, useful for replacing fluid loss from activities like playing sports, taking a warm bath or even sleeping.

Pocari Sweat is a breakthrough health drink from Japan that gives back all the electrolyte nutrients that the body loses when sweating. Just like our bodies' own fluids, it contains calcium (Ca), sodium (Na), magnesium (Mg), and potassium (K) ions. By giving your body the right amount of electrolyte nutrients, Pocari Sweat gives your body enough energy to last the day. While other drinks offer various flavors, Pocari Sweat has remained true to its original taste. It has no artificial colors or preservatives unlike commercially sold sports drinks. It is gentle on the body, more easily absorbed than plain water, and is not disruptive to the important balance of body fluids, which makes it healthy for kids and adults alike.

Pocari Sweat is produced and distributed in other countries, such as Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates, and now, in the Philippines.



Protecting your child . . .

From page C1

<http://www.pluggedinparent.com>, where you can learn how to keep up with your technologically savvy children. The dangers of the Net are real, and though the following statistics are United States-based, they are alarming nevertheless. Consider the following:

• According to 2006's Online Victimization of Youth: Five Years Later report, approximately one in seven youth online (10-17 years old) received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet.

• The same report found that 34 percent had an unwanted exposure to sexual material—pictures of naked people or people having sex. Twenty-seven percent of young people who encountered unwanted sexual material told a parent or guardian. But if the encounter was defined as distressing—episodes that made them feel very or extremely upset or afraid—as much as 42 percent told a parent or guardian.

What to do

What then can we do as parents to ensure that our children are protected from the dangers of the Internet? Below are some tips that you may want to consider and apply in your homes, from PC Pandora, a company that offers Internet security software.

Start early. Children now go online at a much younger age. Talk to them at a young age so the lessons you teach and rules you set become ingrained as they go forward.

Talk to your children. Be honest with

them about the dangers of the Internet and teach them what they need to know. It's about communicating and guiding them. Emphasize that dangerous predators use the anonymity offered by the Web to lure child victims. Instruct your child to ignore e-mails and instant messages from people they do not know and report it to you.

Children should also come to you immediately if they see something online that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused. Emphasize that it's not their fault if they see something upsetting. Stress that the rules you set are to protect them, not to control them.

Make sure your children understand that they need to be careful online. Children who understand the risks posed by the Internet are more likely to cooperate with their parents in safeguarding their own Internet activities.

Be more computer-savvy and Web-literate. Do your research. Become informed about computers and the Internet. Know that kids use their own language in cyberspace. My daughter abhors it when I sometimes hover around while she chats with her friends over YM (Yahoo Messenger), but the only reason I do it is so I can learn their language, which I can then use during my chats, too.

Keep the computer in an open, high-traffic area of the house, like the family room or kitchen. It is highly recommended that children do not have computers in their bedroom. However, as more and more teenagers become Net-smart and are trusted with their

own computers, parents should walk in and out of the room frequently when the child is online.

Establish and enforce rules for online usage. Write and place a copy by the computer so your child can refer to them while surfing the Internet. Some of the rules we have in our home are: only two hours' use at one time; no giving out of personal information whatsoever; no posting of photos that show too much skin—a specific rule for my daughter, especially since I have seen so many young girls her age post photographs that belong in adult magazines!

Know your children's online routine. Have your kids show you not only what they do online, but also what they know how to do. Visit and become familiar with their favorite sites. See exactly what's happening, so if something does happen you can understand the context and where it came from. Try to keep them to child-friendly sites, but also allow them the freedom to grow and explore.

Google your child. It is a good indicator for finding out what personal information about your kid may be out there. "Google" your child's name and your own from time to time to make sure there is nothing that poses a threat to your family online.

It takes extra effort to parent kids nowadays, but the extra work will be all worth it if you can preserve the safety of your child.

E-mail the author at cathyguballa@gmail.com.



Fresh from Japan comes Pocari Sweat, a breakthrough health drink that gives your body the right amount of nutrients lost when you sweat—for energy to last you the whole day!



The second level of Bonifacio High Street is home to some of the country's top corporations.

"High" Living in Bonifacio High Street

Bonifacio High Street truly epitomizes the spirit of Bonifacio Global City and the balanced live-work-play lifestyle it encourages. Pioneering the concept of mixed-use developments in a unique main street setting, Bonifacio High Street is comprised of nearly a kilometer long landscaped park with restaurants and retail stores on the first floor, and offices on the second floor—including large and pioneering companies like Del Monte Philippines and BayanTrade to name a few. The calm scenery has an obviously uplifting and relaxing effect on the office workers of Bonifacio High Street. "I love coming to work!" asserts Michelle Dabuet, Marketing Head for BayanTrade. "We actually encourage our employees to bring their family members," adds Dante Briones, President and CEO for BayanTrade. The park features family-

friendly interactive artworks that encourage thinking and exploration. This unique experience becomes a strong factor for drawing people to the location. "Bonifacio High Street attracts people from as far as Quezon City in the north, and Alabang plus other areas further south," says Jun Bisnar, Head of Commercial Operations for Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation (FBDC).

Bonifacio High Street sets the stage for a balanced lifestyle that is conducive to mental and physical well-being. While mostly urban in nature, the pace of work and life is manageable, or as aptly stated by Marivic Anonuevo, Group Head for Corporate Business of Ayala Land, "It's fast-paced but Bonifacio High Street provides more stress breaks and relievers."



Friends enjoying a night out at Barolo at Serendra, Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City.

Live, Work, Eat!

At Bonifacio Global City, dining has come to mean more than the typical hour-long break. In this city, the dining experience provides another opportunity for residents, tenants and visitors alike

to bask in the relaxed aura of Bonifacio Global City. From the high-energy spots of The Fort Square to new dining establishments in Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City will never disappoint varied tastes.

CJ Jesena, Senior Division Manager for the Ayala Malls Group, describes some of the unique culinary spots of Bonifacio High Street. "Mary Grace which started as a kiosk in malls, opened their first café in Serendra, Bonifacio High Street called Café Mary Grace," Jesena explains. "From the L'Opera group, they opened Balducci, which features a more casual, rustic and laid-back feel." Larry J. Cruz opened two restaurants, including Larry's Café & Bar, which offers light dining and Abe Restaurant, which specializes in Kapampangan fare. Further down Bonifacio High Street you'll find Texas Roadhouse Grill and Mini Shabu-Shabu—just two of the many unique restaurants which have recently opened. Proposing this unique dining concept to owners of restaurants and cafes was met with positive response. "Anna Rocha [owner of Tatami] loved the concept while Larry Cruz saw the opportunity," he says proudly.

Wired and Ready to Go

As the country's next premier CBD, Bonifacio Global City is fully equipped with amenities that encourage the wireless lifestyle. At par with the technological-savvy of the modern urbanite, several areas in Bonifacio Global City are Wi-Fi hotspots, allowing for high-speed internet surfing—an unquestionable tool in this era of efficient technology. Moreover, plans to fully wire the city are underway and soon enough, internet surfing will be possible at any point within the territory.

Complementing the technological advancement is the fact that a 25-hectare portion of Bonifacio Global City is a PEZA-accredited IT Zone. "As an IT Zone, Bonifacio Global City locators enjoy generous government incentives like tax holidays and other benefits," says Henry Yap, Head of Property Planning and Design for FBDC. "It is also easier for foreign companies to bring in their foreign executives because of the ease in obtaining work permits. The companies or locators also get tax incentives when they purchase land or export products," Yap explains.



Designated hotspots make the city Wi-Fi friendly.

Extended
Coffee breaks.
Long lunches.
Wandering
aimlessly.
This is actually
a productive
day.

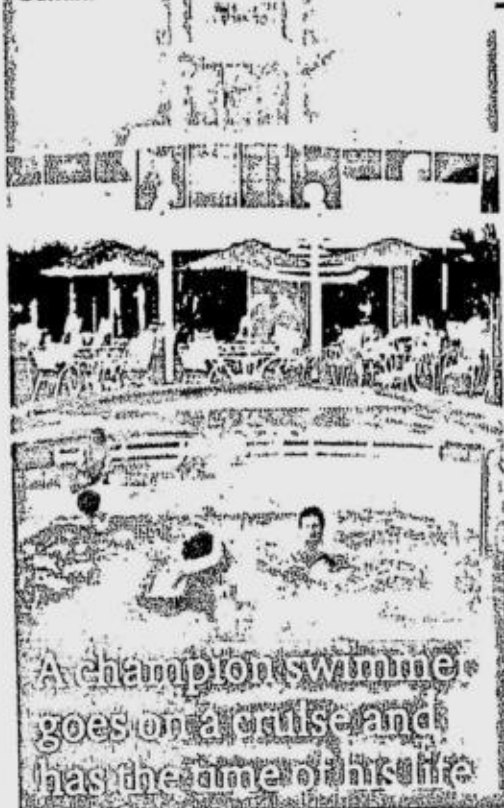


Bonifacio
Global City
Home of passionate minds

Because at most times, it's when we are relaxed that we allow the "Aha!" moment to chase after us. That's why we have an abundance of coffee shops, theme restos, parks, gardens, plazas and open spaces—venues where one can find inspiration. After all, this is a city that's designed to inspire the great idea.

For inquiries on Bonifacio Global City, please call 818-3601. For lot sales, please call 757-6116. You may also email us at info@bonifacioglobalcity.com.ph or log on to www.bonifacioglobalcity.com.ph

PASS the sunscreen! Fun in the sun at my favorite hang-out on the Superstar Gemini



A champion swimmer goes on a cruise and has the time of his life

By Enchong Dee
Contributor

IF I WERE AN ANIMAL IN MY past life, I would have probably been a fish. As a swimmer, a large chunk of my time is spent training in water. I'm surprised I haven't grown a set of gills! I am a true water baby.

Imagine my excitement when I found out that I was one of the chosen few invited to Famous 15, a luxury cruise to different tropical islands in Asia. I had heard a lot about the Famous traveling parties, which in the past had taken a lot of VIP's to the most exotic destinations all over the world.

The minute I got on the Superstar Gemini, our cruise ship, I instantly knew that it was going to be a trip I'd never forget. I never got bored on board!

Firstly, it was spacious and luxurious. We were free to walk around, to go on the deck and see the ocean as we cruised through the Straits of Malacca. We never ran out of things to do. There was also a library where I could check my e-mail and surf the web. For the kid in me, there was a video arcade. And to keep up with my fitness regimen, I worked out in the gym, or ran around the jogging track. Nights on the boat were always young. Together with my brother AJ and the other Famous voyagers, I had yummy dinners at the Superstar Gemini's fine dining restaurants. To fill our already satisfied bellies with laughter, we capped off our nights by belting out slightly off-key versions of Backstreet Boys oldies like "Quit Playing Games With My Heart" and "Larger Than Life."

I think though that the main highlight of the Superstar Gemini was the pool. Like a boy at Christmas, my eyes lit up when I saw it right on the top deck. The pool area was where our group spent most of the day, lounging around, reading paperbacks, having barbecue, and of course, my favorite—swimming. It was a surreal experience to do laps in a pool while sailing through the ocean.

I have to say, the times on the boat wouldn't have been as fun if it weren't for the company. The Famous 15 guests were people of different ages, all from the worlds of fashion, show biz, society, and business, under the care of our captain, PR guru and events-extraordinaire Keren Pascual.

They say that it's the journey and not the destination that counts. This didn't apply to the Famous 15 party because both the journey and the destinations were absolutely amazing. Every time we docked, we were in for another adventure. First we stopped at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

ADVENTURES/D2

Sunday LIFESTYLE

Adventures of a Famous first-timer

Unforgettable Memories made with BEKA

18/10 STAINLESS STEEL WITH EXTRA THICK ENCAPSULATED BASE
HIGH-QUALITY BRAND FROM GERMANY

Transitions® lenses &



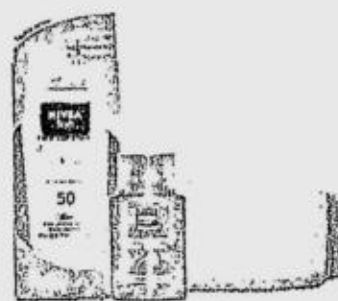
Your Eyes Need Sunblock As Much As Your Skin

Essilor Transitions® lenses automatically block harmful UV rays, and help to protect your eyes.

- Block 100% of UVA and UVB radiation
- Reduce eye fatigue and eye strain associated with glare

Get a pair of Essilor Transitions® lenses and receive an exclusive NIVEA gift pack*!

*Available at all leading optical shops with promotional posters.



www.essilor.com
www.transitions.com

Transitions®



Find out what he's listening to with



Now SMART Cellphones can read!
No need to input keywords or access codes.
Simply scan the code and let your phone do the rest.

Download DECODE for FREE today!



Step 1
Highlight the link in your phone's browser:
decode.smart.com.ph and click on DOWNLOAD.



Step 2
Choose whether to save the application in your phone or memory card to begin installation.



Step 3
Click on the DECODE icon in your phone's main menu to open the application.



Step 4
Position your chosen code in the center of your DECODE screen and scan.

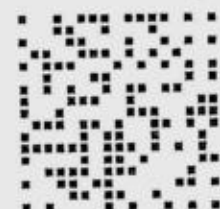


Step 5
Receive your content or transaction request in your phone's inbox. It's that easy!

Scan these codes now and serenade your special someone with these FREE ring tones.



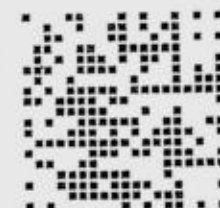
Find out how this ringtone can put you in the mood.



Discover what this code is in your phone's eyes.



Don't be blue. This new ringtone should cheer you up.



With this ringtone you'll surely love Decode!

JOIN THE DECODE PROMO NOW!

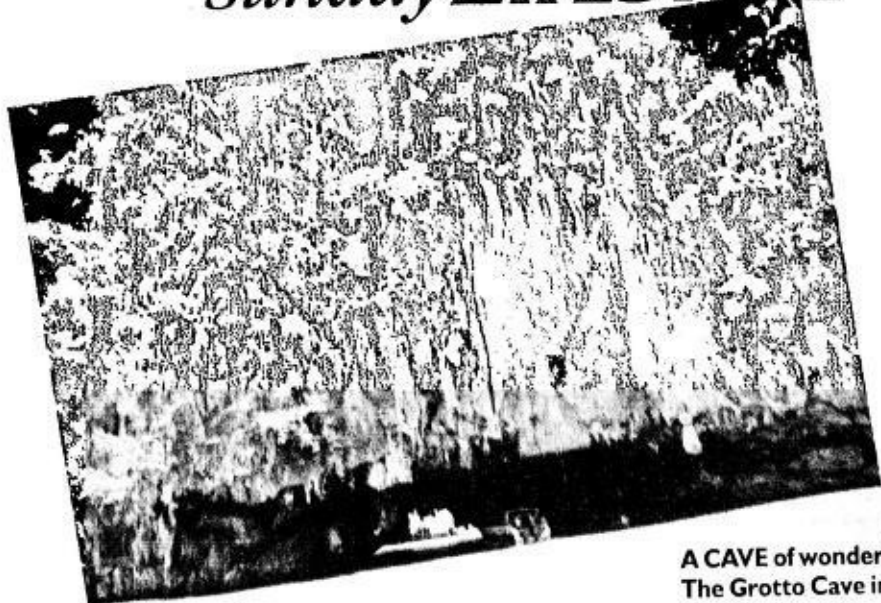
1. Starting April 15 and all succeeding weekends until May 13, 2007, you can join the Decode Promo at 7 participating Wireless Centers to win fabulous prizes. Sign up at SM Fairview, Bicutan, Manila, North Edsa, South Mall, Mega Mall and Gateway Cubao. And on April 20, 23, 27, 30, May 4, 7, 11 at SMART Tower.
2. Win by joining the In-store game. But also earn more points to win more prizes by referring and registering your friends.
3. All referrals must successfully download the Decode application in order for the referrer to earn points. Be one of the top 8 referrers and get a chance to win a new edition phone, an i-Pod and gift certificates!
4. DECODE your way to great prizes in 8 participating SMART Wireless Centers. Promo ends May 13, 2007.

Decode currently works on Symblon Series 60 2nd Edition and J2ME capable handsets (ex. Nokia N70, 6600, and 6680).
Activate your GPS and MMS for free! Just text set_phone model_ to 211.
Ex: set N6600 and send to 211.
See flyers for details. DTI Permit #1558.5.2007

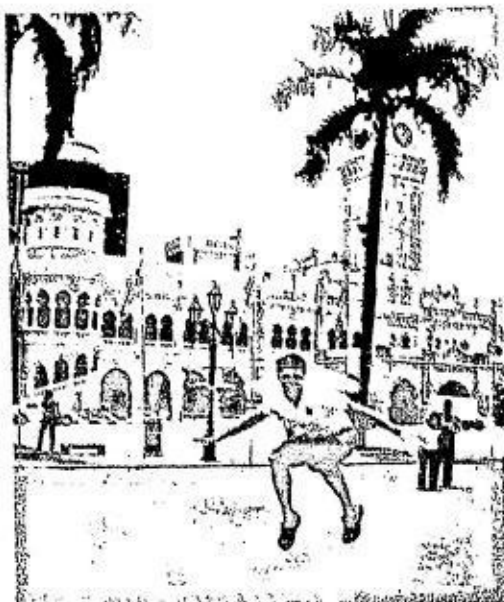




ZOOM to the top: The Petronas Towers are among the highest in the world.



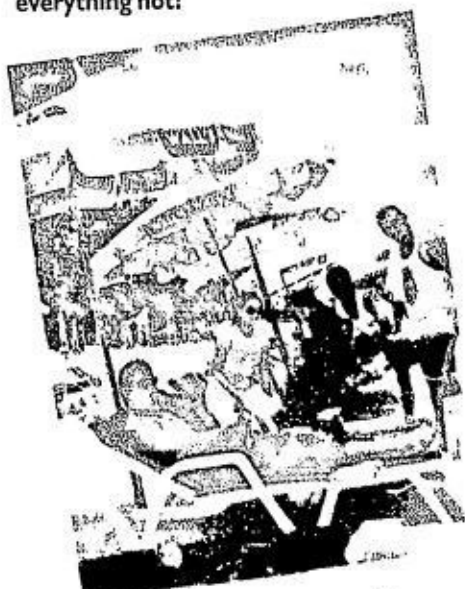
A CAVE of wonders: The Grotto Cave in Krabi, Thailand



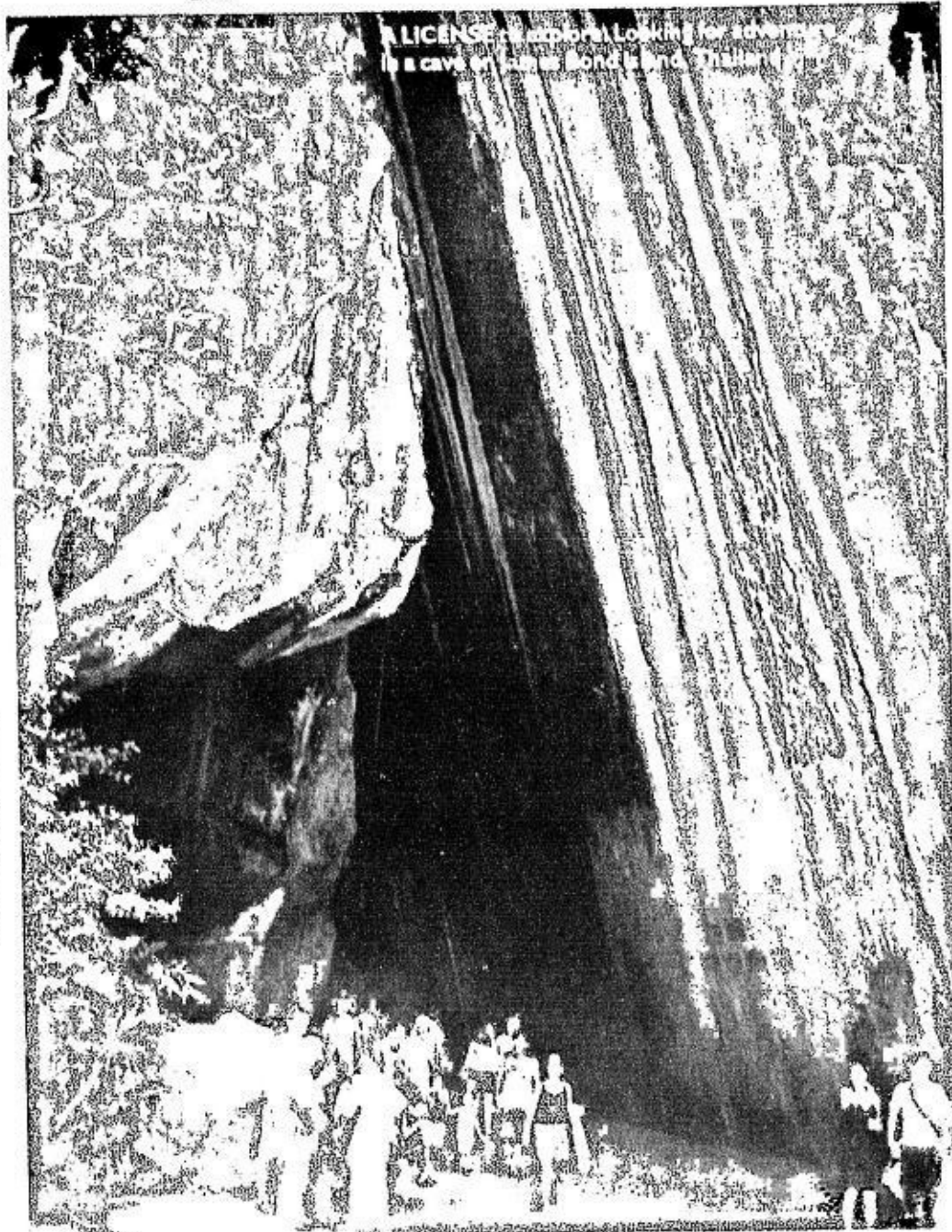
I BELIEVE I can fly! I ham it up in front of Malaysia's Independence Square in Kuala Lumpur. This is where their flag was first raised in 1957.



BEACH, sun and sky: The shores of Patong Beach in Phuket is the melting pot of everything hot!



SUN worshipper Weng Chang, ace photographer Mark Nicdao, manager Francis Dayao, my brother AJ, and stylist Ton Lao kicking back at Patong Beach, Phuket, Thailand



Adventures of a Famous first-timer

From page D1

where we took what felt like a hundred pictures at the Independence Square, the awesome Blue Mosque (which has the capacity to hold almost 10,000 worshippers), and my favorite—from atop the Petronas Towers, the tallest towers in existence. Seeing Kuala Lumpur from a bird's eye view was a trip. Of course, to satisfy the ladies who were intent to do some serious shopping, we went to one of the biggest malls in the city and they shopped till the guys dropped. Lucky for us, our next stop was Langkawi, a fantastic beach island in Malaysia where we could put our feet up, relax and enjoy the sun and the surf.

The Superstar Gemini then took us to more tropical paradises in Thailand.

Movie set

In Krabi Island, the water was emerald, a sight for sore eyes. We even went around the local fisherman's village, and got to see how the locals lived. After that, we went to the James Bond Island (yes, that's its real name), which had been a location shoot for two James Bond movies. We went to a dark cave, exploring its interiors, and secretly wishing that we'd come across 007. Even more fun in the sun ensued when we went to my favorite stop: Patong Beach on Phuket Island. It's hard to believe that the tsunami had struck this beautiful island not too long ago. It's now restored to its natural beauty. We had a lot of fun going for swims in the crystal blue waters, having fruit shakes on

the white sand, taking elephant rides, going bargain shopping (mostly the ladies again), and enjoying the island's famous night life.

Our last stop was Singapore, now one of my favorite places in the world. It isn't a large city but it's filled with so much life, so much culture, and so many things to buy and see. We had fun on the very cosmopolitan Orchard Road, where again the ladies went charge-happy. We then took the cable car to the adventure-filled Sentosa Island where I'd want to go back again and again.

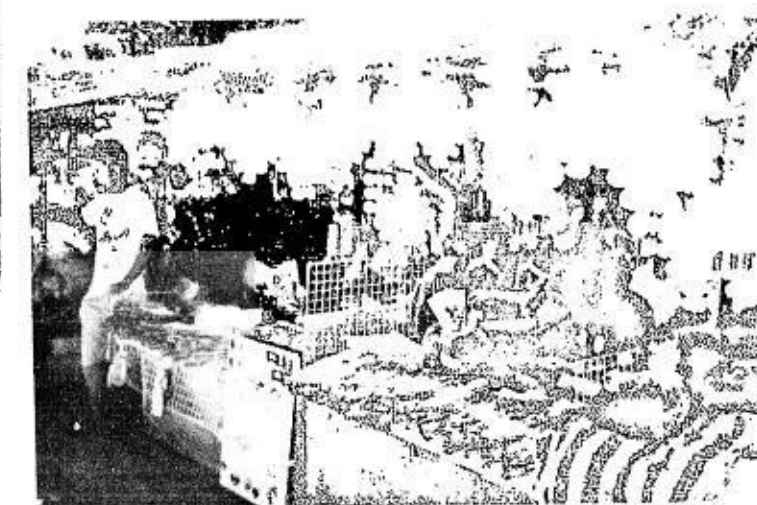
I was really sad when the trip finally ended. Being a part of Famous 15 really made not just my summer but, most likely, my whole year (until the November Sea Games, of course). If I play my cards right, hopefully I'd be on Famous 16.

Call Star Cruises Philippines at 521-5660, or log on to <http://www.ncl.com/www.orientlines.com>. Or call Horizon Travel & Tours Inc. 5264075, 5212586 and 4001501.



ENCHANTED Kingdom: Boldkharani Botanical Gardens is a place of wonder and mystery with tales of fairies and enchantment.

YUM! A mouthwatering on-deck barbecue aboard Star Cruise's Superstar Gemini.



NO BUYER'S remorse here. Trinkets, treats, and things sold at a souvenir stall in James Bond Island, Thailand



AHOY! Aboard the Superstar Gemini, guests enjoy coffee and the ocean breeze under a shade while cruising the Straits of Malacca



ALMOST Famous: The voyagers at the James Bond Island. Me with a merry mix of celebrities and personalities. Standing: Tita Angge with her kids Isabela and Imelda Lee, Weng de Guzman, Sam Mendoza, Mary Ann Escalante, Manong Gilbert Perez, Bea Alonzo, Zanjoe Marudo, AJ Dee, Ton Lao, Marvin Wijangco, Rissa Mananquil,

Paolo Trillo, Ana Rocha, Melvin Brillantes, Jenny Garrucho, Cristy Comia and Val Roxas; Mark Nicdao, Tonie Martinez, Garry Fernando, Tess Mengua, Malou de Guzman, Joice Denosta, Ginny Ocampo, Roda dela Cerna, Keren Pascual, Lindsay Dizon, Dado Lumibao, Eric dela Cruz, Nell Daza, Francis Dayao and Mike Chua



TRAVEL BRIEFS

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

ARGONAUT	PORTEND	AMIS
LEADUP	ELEANOR	NADA
BEVERLEY	CLEVERLY	NUYS
ADESTO	ORE	OIL
UNCUT	HAYLEY	DAILY
CATERPILLAR	PETAL	ALT
ASHLEY	BRASHLY	BARRAGE
CHAI	SODA	NAT
TETONS	NAT	ALIE
INSTORE	SASHA	REALM
BILLIES	SHRILLY	
SNIPES	ALISLE	LESS
CICELY	PRISSILLY	XTERRA
ALEC	ESE	NOEL
REPULSE	BRADLEY	GLADLY
ELY	BEENS	TRALALA
JULIE	BLUELY	SHEIK
ELLA	AAS	APU
LEER	KIMBERLY	LIMBERLY
LETT	ETERNAL	KNEEHOLE
OSSO	DYNASTY	SARDINES

Dreaming of your own *Spa Business?*

- * Fresh Spa Concept
- * Spa for Everyone
- * Below 1M Investment
- * 50 Sq. Mtr Minimum Space
- * Franchising Nationwide



BIG APPLE express spa
Your Own Spa Business
for Less Stress and Less Investment

FRANCHISE HOT LINE : (02) 6311697 * (0917)5245328

New resort in Cavite

Mount Sea Grand Resort is a new traveler's destination in Capipisa, Tanza, Cavite. It has 124 guest rooms, three big ballrooms, six function rooms, business center, Internet access, and recreation area. The resort's pool uses a self-chlorinating process from the United States that transforms salt water into pool water. Parents and kids can spend quality time in the junior whirlpool. The day-trip package (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) is at P1,000 per person. A kiddie rate of P850 is for children 12 years old and below. Mount Sea Grand Resort offers special corporate rates and tour packages (Manila Sales Office, 3010530 loc. 285-290; e-mail info@mountsearesorts.com).

Seychelles' new resort

Emirates Hotels and Resorts' new project in Mahe, Seychelles, in 2010 will cost US\$253 million. This is the company's largest international investment and one of the largest ever in Seychelles. The joint agreement for the Emirates Cap Ternay Resort & Spa was signed by Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al-Maktoum, Emirates chair and chief executive, and Joseph Belmont, vice president and minister for tourism and transport of Seychelles. Construction of the resort will begin in 2008. It will have 186 rooms for families and budget-conscious travellers, and 230 deluxe rooms. Emirates Airline has four weekly services to Seychelles.

Enjoying Guam in May

May is Tourism Month in Guam. The Guam Visitors Bureau promises an exciting array of events, including more athletic competitions starting with the 4th Annual Guam International Tennis Open (www.guamopen.com). The fifth and final race of the GEAR Sprint Series will be held May 5. GEAR 7 includes running, trekking, mountain biking, ocean kayaking, orienteering, swimming and extreme teamwork. It will be followed by the Guam Extreme Adventure Race 7 on May 27 (www.guamextremeadventure.com).

Ilocos inn

Shorestop Inn and Restaurant at Km 503 north of Laoag City offers air-conditioned guest rooms with private carports for people traveling to Pagudpud and local beaches like Puyupuyan or Sexy. It also provides shuttle service to and from the beaches as well as tour service to Pagudpud and other Ilocos Norte landmarks and destinations. Shorestop is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It serves local delicacies. Its gift shop lets guests bring home longganisa packs, basi red wine, duhat wine and mango wine, Pasquin's famous crusty biscocho, among others (0918-6923522 or 0915-3185926; e-mail info@shorestop1.com; visit www.shorestop1.com).

ASIANA HONORS
ANOTHER FILIPINO

Marie Rose Ann Villahermosa, senior cabin crew and safety instructor for overseas crew of Asiana Airlines (OZ), got the 2006 Foreign Cabin Crew of the Year award. Villahermosa joined Asiana in 2002 and has been working as a safety instructor at the Asiana headquarters in Seoul, Korea. She is the latest Filipino to be cited by the Korean national carrier. Asiana Airlines flies from three points in the country—Manila, Cebu and Clark—daily.

Going Places with Go! MasterCard

Laoag

Palawan

Boracay

Cebu

Bohol

Davao



Go! MasterCard gives you a chance to win summer vacation treats!
Every Php1,000 single-receipt purchase using your Go! MasterCard or any Metrobank Credit Card from participating Robinsons stores and Cebu Pacific ticket offices earns you one (1) raffle entry.



Prizes include roundtrip airfare for two via Cebu Pacific, 3D 2N hotel accommodations and P10,000 spending money

Go! MasterCard

- One (1) trip for two to Kalibo (Boracay)
- One (1) trip for two to Palawan
- One (1) trip for two to Cebu

Metrobank Credit Cards

- One (1) trip for two to Davao
- One (1) trip for two to Laoag
- One (1) trip for two to Bohol

Promo period is from April 8 - May 31, 2007

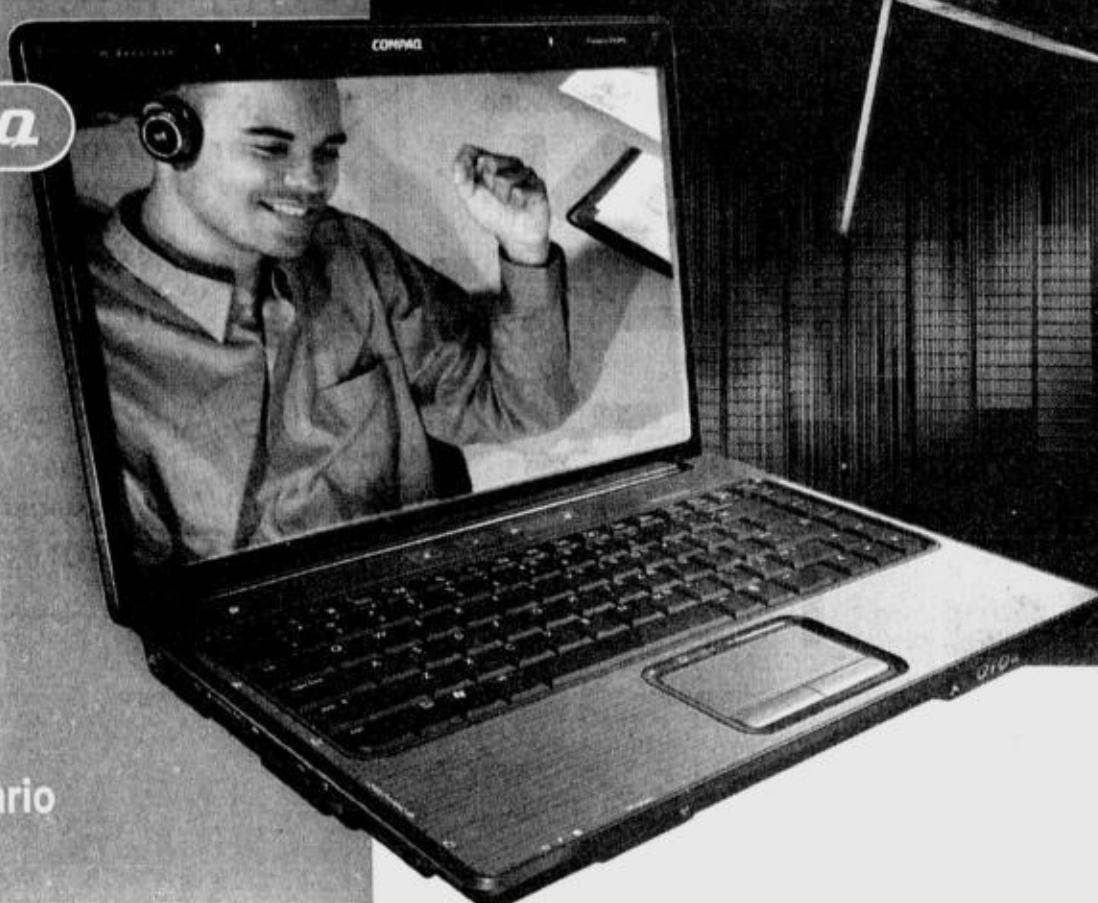
Participating Stores and Establishments:



See flyers for details. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1042, Series of 2007.

Issued by Metrobank Card Corporation, a joint venture of METROBANK and ANZ

HP recommends
Windows Vista™
Home Premium.



**Sleek design,
peak performance.**

**Compaq Presario
V3304TU
Notebook PC
SRP P69,950**

Intel® Centrino® Duo Processor Technology
Intel® Core™2 Duo Processor T5500
Mobile Intel® 945GM Express Chipset
Genuine Windows Vista™ Home Premium
Intel® Graphics Media Accelerator 950
1GB Standard Memory
120GB HDD
Intel® Graphics Media Accelerator
LightScribe SuperMulti DVD RW with
Double Layer Support
High speed 56k modem Integrated 10/100
LAN 802.11a/b/g WLAN with Bluetooth
Integrated 5-in-1 digital memory reader slot
(XD, SD, MMC, MS, MS PRO)
14.1" (36.8 cm) WXGA High Definition
BrightView™ Wide screen Display
Processor T5500 (2MB L2 cache, 1.66GHz,
667MHz FSB)

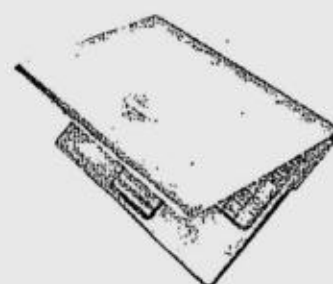


**Compaq Presario
V3325TU Notebook PC
SRP P59,950**

Intel® Centrino® Duo Processor T2350
2MB L2 cache, 1.66GHz, 667MHz FSB
Genuine Windows Vista™ Home Basic
Mobile Intel® 945GM Express Chipset
Intel® Graphics Media Accelerator 950
512MB Standard Memory
80GB HDD
Intel® Graphics Media Accelerator
SuperMulti DVD RW with Double Layer Support
High speed 56k modem Integrated
10/100 LAN 802.11a/b/g WLAN with Bluetooth
Integrated 4-in-1 digital memory reader slot
(XD, SD, MMC, MS, MS PRO)
14.1" (36.8 cm) WXGA High Definition BrightView™
Widescreen Display

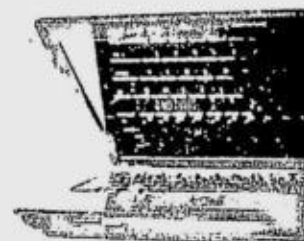
Sleek.Sculpted. Powerful. The new HP Compaq Presario V3304TU Notebook PC powered by Intel® Centrino® Duo Processor Technology deliver impressive multitasking performance wherever you roam. In creating this modern masterpiece, HP invented a state-of-the-art moulding technique to create the industrial brushed gunmetal casing, which offers greater scratch resistance than traditional painted casings. And if you are looking for more innovative design features, try the latchless magnetic closure.

So, whatever way you look at it, this is a tool that's designed to impress. And if that's not enough, you get a **FREE iPod Shuffle** to go with it too. **Promo period is now from May 20 - 31, 2007 only.**



Sleek new design

Unique scratch-resistant gunmetal casing helps you make the right impression, while one-touch buttons enrich your computing experience through improved aesthetics and usability.



Latch-free screen

Streamlined and intuitive, like every other aspect of this machine. One simple arm movement is all it takes to lift your screen into position.



Control your media

The backlit capacitive buttons offer one-touch DVD playback. Just touch to mute or slide across the volume pad to adjust sound level.



Expansion base[^] (optional accessory)

The HP xb3000 notebook expansion base offers height-adjustable, comfortable eye-level viewing, more productivity ports, wireless support and integrated speakers for this notebook.

Get a **FREE iPod Shuffle** for every Compaq Presario V3304TU/ V3325TU Notebook PC you buy.

COMPAQ



Call: 1-800-1441-6688 or (632) 867-3557 E-mail: ph.contact@hp.com



Claiming Directions: a) Claim your Free iPod Shuffle by going to Yeaps Corporation and present your original sales invoice or official receipt (with serial number stated) and cut-out serial number (from PC box). Photocopies of above documents will not be accepted. b) Customer is entitled to redeem 1 piece of iPod Shuffle for every unit purchased. c) Redemption of prize is until July 31, 2007 only. d) The Free iPod Shuffle may be claimed at 2306 Herrera Tower, Rufino corner Valero St. Salcedo Village, Makati City. Office hours from Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm. For more information please call (02) 8451634 or (02) 7532558.

©2007 Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P. Celeron, Celeron Inside, Centrino, Centrino Logo, Core Inside, Intel, Intel Logo, Intel Core, Intel Inside, Intel Inside Logo, Intel Viiv, Intel vPro, Itanium, Itanium Inside, Pentium, Pentium Inside, Xeon, and Xeon Inside is a trademark of Intel Corporation in the U.S. and other countries. Intel's numbering is not a measurement of higher performance. Other products mentioned herein may be trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective companies. Microsoft and Windows are U.S registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation. Windows Vista is either a registered trademark or trademark of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries. Certain Windows Vista product features require advanced or additional hardware. Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor can help you determine which features of Windows Vista will run on your computer. To download the tool, visit www.windowsvista.com/upgradeadvisor. For Windows Vista system requirements, visit systemrequirements. The HP Contact Center is available Mondays thru Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PARTICIPATING RESELLERS: Metro Manila: HP Store (Julia Vargas) 636-7589 • HP Store (DLSU-Taft) 536 3245 • Accent Micro/PC Live 771-0779; 633-1722 • Electroworld 812-3868; 927-9525 • Comlink/E-Hub 637-3988; 637-4444-45 • Octagon 635-9080/867-1705 • Silicon Valley 633-1723/24; 807-9372 • TCA • The Computer Authority 633-1594; 810-5090 • Villman Computer Systems 683-0532/33; 926-7322 • HP Store Mall of Asia 556-0194 • PC Worx-Gilmore 725-1819

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1893, Series of 2007.

BUY • SELL • PAWN
ROLEX
& other SWISS WATCHES
JEWELRY
DIAMONDS

8341572 • 8316712 • 09178141967
SOFITEL PHILIPPINE PLAZA (WESTIN)
Also with branches in BANGKOK & GENEVA • 10AM - 6PM 7 days a week



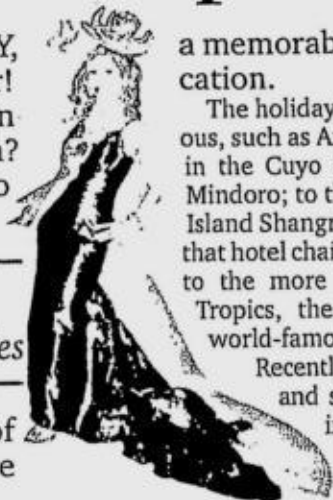
ORANGE nudibranch by MAD About US winner Bunnee Gamboa-Santos

Sunday LIFESTYLE

The awesome splendor of our seas

AHH... THE LAZY, HAZY, crazy days of summer! What could be more fun than a getaway beach vacation? Within our 7,000 islands are so many options for sun, sea and sand. And with so many new resorts opening up around the country, we are now truly one of the greatest places in Asia to have

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes



a memorable, relaxing summer vacation.

The holiday options range from the luxurious, such as Amanpulo, the private hideaway in the Cuyo Islands between Palawan and Mindoro; to the world-class, like the Mactan Island Shangri-La Resort, one of the jewels in that hotel chain's list of impressive properties; to the more family-oriented, like Boracay Tropics, the garden-like, pocket oasis in world-famous Boracay Island.

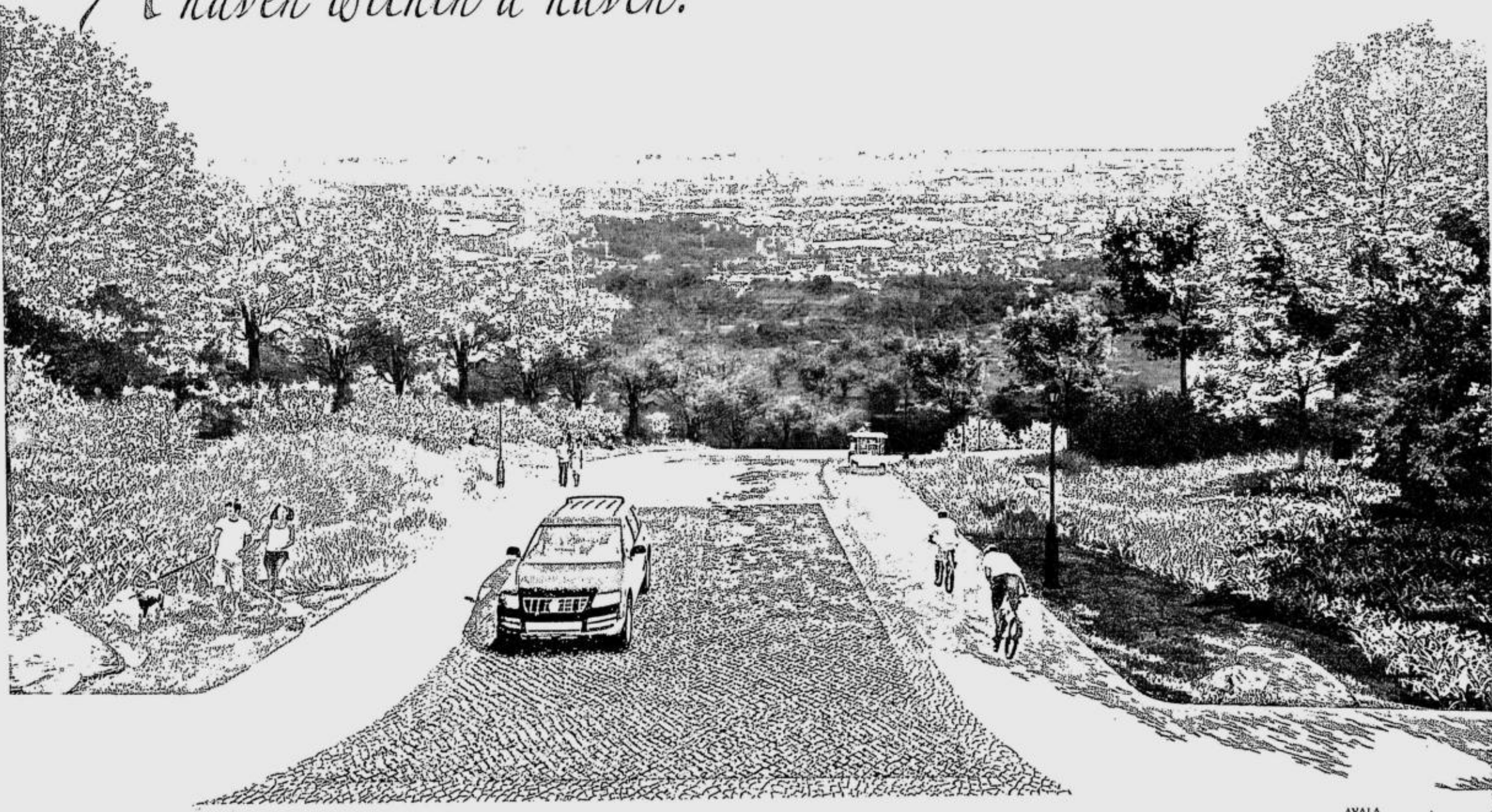
Recently, my husband, Dennis Valdes, and son, Tyrone, went scuba-diving in Dumaguete, one of the up-

THE AWESOME/E2

Summer may be almost over but the diving season never ends when there are 7,000 islands to explore

AyalaLand PREMIER

A haven within a haven.



Only 20 minutes from Alabang, the magic of Ayala Greenfield Estates awaits.

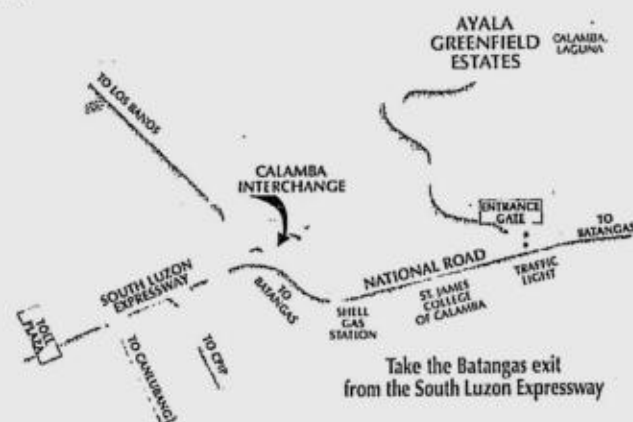
At the heart of this oasis lies **The Woodland Trails**, a special hideaway where homes are enveloped by trees, and sidewalks accommodate golf carts as they head for the nearby 18-hole championship golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones II.

And, with Ayala Greenfield Estates' infinity pool, fishing lagoon, and extensive sports facilities just a short walk away, living in Woodland Trails is, without a doubt, a lifestyle beyond compare.

Perfection is now closer than you think.

To arrange a guided tour of Ayala Greenfield Estates, please contact a representative at **848-5000**, or log on to www.ayalalandpremier.com.

Additional lots now available.



AYALA GREENFIELD ESTATES



The particulars, details and visuals shown herein are intended to give a general idea of the project and as such are not to be relied upon as statements of fact. While such particulars and details are based on present plans, which have been prepared with utmost care and are given in good faith, buyers are invited to verify their actual correctness and subsequent changes, if any. The contents herein are subject to change without prior notice and do not constitute part of an offer or contract.

HILURB License to Sell No. 0016-R4-00-01; 02968-R4-01-06; 05605-R4-02-08; 10241-R4A-04-06; 12530-R4A-05-06; 16262-R4A-06-08 and 17722-R4A-07-05.

WESTERN UNION

123 456 789
PH

Your World of Privileges

ANG MAS MATINDING WESTERN UNION GOLD CARDSM LIBRE AT MAS MARAMI NANG DAHILAN PARA MAGSAYA!

Kung wala ka pang FREE Western Union Gold Card, mag-apply na at:

- Automatically entitled ka sa Basic Gold Benefits just by presenting your card.*
- Every time you Send or Receive money with Western Union, you get Premium Gold Benefits!
- Mas marami pang discounts and bonuses ang makukuha mo!**

Sign up for the improved Western Union Gold Card. Libre 'to! Call 888-1200 within Metro Manila or (02) 888-1200 outside Metro Manila (NDD rates apply) or 1-800-1-888-1200 (PLDT toll-free) or 1-800-9-888-1200 (Globelines toll-free) for more information.

* Subject to Terms and Conditions for each particular discount/bonus offered. See counter-top teasers for details and full terms and conditions.
** Existing cards are still valid and entitled to the Basic Gold and Premium Gold Benefits.

Air Philippines
7% discount on Published Fares
(website or textsite bookings only)

DAVID'S SALON
15% discount on
facial and hair services
(cash transactions)

ALL THE WAY 24/7
\$5.00/USD discount on international
outbound transactions only
for a min. \$12.00/USD transaction
(not applicable to Jumbo Box, Jumbo Jr.
and Express Pallet)

Goldilocks
5% discount on Greeting Cakes

hbc
Free gift with a minimum
purchase of Php125.00

WESTERN UNION
FAST, RELIABLE, WORLDWIDE MONEY TRANSFER

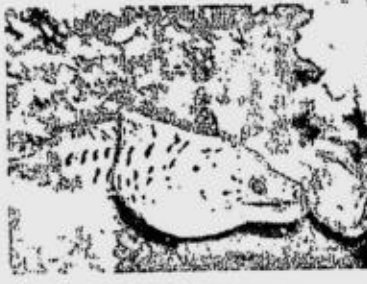
As per DTI-NCR Permit No. 0088 Series of 2007.



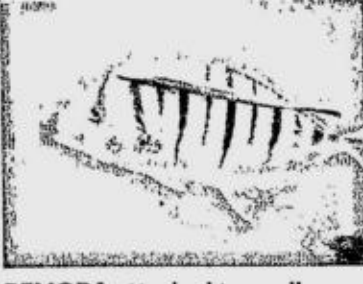
WELL-DISGUISED scorpionfish



PAIR of colorful flatworms



yellow moray eel



REMORA attached to a yellow jack



TINY, yellow frog fish no bigger than my palm



FINDING Nemo in Apo Island



APO Island Marine Sanctuary

The awesome splendor of our seas

From page E1



MAD About US organizer Joel Uichico

and-coming underwater havens in our marine-blessed country. There's a neat, little scuba-diving triangle formed by Dumaguete, Siquijor and Apo Island—and the pictures the two took from there truly show the beauty of the area.

In fact, this entire Visayas area is becoming well known for its diving potential. Just beside Dumaguete is Cebu, which has great dive spots from Sumilon Island in the south all the way to Malapascua in the north, which is also known for its early morning, thresher-shark dives. To the east is Bohol, famous for dive sites such as Balicasag and Panglao.

The crown jewel of Visayas diving is Apo Island. The island is a world-famous marine sanctuary. The largest aquarium in the world, the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, has an extensive and impressive display on Apo Island, part of its permanent Wild Reef exhibit.

Apo is remarkably well preserved. The dive operators have a "no gloves" rule that they strictly enforce. Since divers can't touch anything, they learn to put air in their vests and float above the coral. As a result, all around Apo are fields of intact cabbage corals, without the broken edges that are typical in other glove-accepting dive areas.

One of the coolest things about diving the Apo triangle is finding rare undersea creatures. At a dive site called Katipanan, there's a small cave at around 60-ft deep. Just outside the cave my husband and son saw a tiny, yellow frog fish, which could fit in the palm of

one's hand. It's tempting to try and actually do that but with the no-gloves rule, divers learn to avoid getting stung or scraped by things they really shouldn't be touching in the first place.

Dennis and Tyrone stayed at the Atlantis Resort (www.atlantishotel.com), one of several new places popping up all over the Dumaguete area. Most of the resorts seem to be run by expatriate Europeans who have "gone native"—that is, discovered the beauty of our country and decided to live and invest here.

During their father-son escapade, Dennis and Tyrone also visited Siquijor Island, which has its own share of up-and-coming resorts, like Coral Cay Resort (www.coralcayresort.com) and Coco Grove (www.cocogrovebeachresortsiquijor.com), and following the Dumaguete formula, both owned by foreigners. Siquijor has an eerie reputation for having witches, but it should really be better marketed for its isolated and beautiful beaches.

Annual photo tilt

Capturing the awesome splendor of our marine underworld is now so easy, thanks to digital technology. With underwater housings for point-and-shoot digital cameras, any scuba diver can aspire to be like the great underwater photographers Gutsy Tuason and Dodo Cu-Unjieng and just start clicking away.

To entice these budding photographers, Solana Resort owner and diving enthusiast Joel Uichico has organized an annual digital underwater photography competition to promote Anilao dive sites and help dive operators.

The 2nd Mabini-Tingloy Digital Underwater Shootout was recently successfully held at the Ayala Museum, capped off with ritzy cocktails and the awarding of prizes.

The winning photos were recently exhibited at the Filipinas Heritage Library; they can still be viewed on the contest website www.mad-about-us.com.

The contest's name, Mad About US, is such a funny acronym for Mabini-Tingloy Digital Underwater Shootout. I'm sure the site gets a lot of visits from American antiterrorist web watchdogs, wondering if it is run by a group that is mad at the United States.

I'm sure all visitors are inspired by the photos, and being an underwater lover myself, I am already signing up for next year's competition. As the Sea Princess, I advocate preserving our beautiful dive sites and love meeting people who teach responsible diving.

Speaking of which, my diving mentor, Gigi Santos, who was responsible for matching me up with Dennis, has just opened her own dive shop with her partner, Torben Bohn, who was last year's top winner at the MAD About US competition.

The Pacifica Dive Center (tel. 7712112; visit them at Westgate Center, Filinvest, Alabang) has a complete range of diving gear and helpful, informative staff to guide you through their products. The skinny is that Torben is one of the best equipment repair specialists in the country—and when you're deal-

TYRONE Valdes finds a seahorse off Atlantis resort, Dumaguete.



PACIFIC Dive Center opening with Pam Santos, Torben Bohn, Luli Arroyo, Gigi Santos, Sea Princess, Marissa and Joey Concepcion, Martha and Nori Uy



CASARORO Waterfalls is a hidden but beautiful surprise.

ing with regulators that supply air to the diver, he is the best to entrust your gear to.

As for Gigi, she has been teaching diving since the '80s and counts President Macapagal-Arroyo as her most famous student. I can remember taking her scuba classes back then. The bumper sticker of the day was: "Remember when sex was safe and diving was dangerous?"

Today, thanks to instructors like Torben and Gigi, diving is safe! Among her latest students, in fact, were my sons Bryan and Tyrone!

Summer may be almost over but the diving season never ends when there are 7,000 islands to explore. And it doesn't matter if it's raining on the beach because you're gonna get wet underwater! Our beautiful islands have so much undiscovered potential—we should all be mad about that!

E-mail the author at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph.



DIVING couple Ting and Berta Feliciano

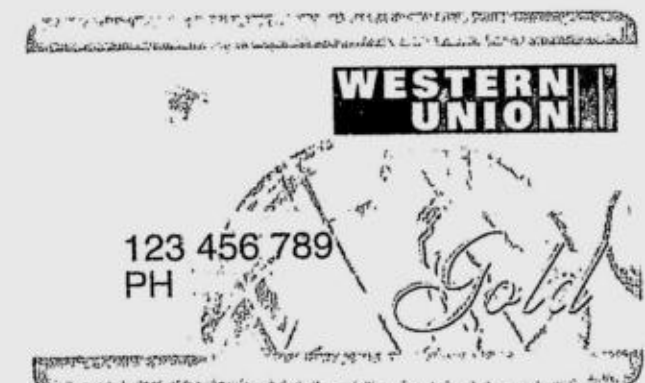


DENNIS and Tyrone in Siquijor



TYRONE at the Casaroro Waterfalls in Dumaguete

ANG MAS MATINDING WESTERN UNION GOLD CARD™



Your World of Privileges

Goldilocks

Max's

OTTO SHOES

WOW

BALIK-ISKWELA, BALIK SAYA GAMITIN NA ANG WESTERN UNION GOLD CARD!*

Free 1 serving Sago Gulaman for a minimum purchase of Php 300

10% discount on all Disney and Melawares for kids. Discount valid only at Leonardo Direct Sales outlets. Call the Western Union Hotline to inquire about the Leonardo Direct Sales outlet near you.

Free Fresh Lumpiang Ubod or 2 Servings Garlic Rice for every order of one Whole Regular Chicken

15% discount for a minimum purchase of Php 500

Php 500 discount on WOW Magic Sing Microphone

Just present your card together with the discount coupon at the indicated establishment. Call 888-1200 (Metro Manila), 02-888-1200 (outside Metro Manila (NDD rates apply)) or 1-800-1-888-1200 (PLDT toll-free, or 1-800-9-888-1200 (Globe lines toll-free)) for more information.

*Discount coupons available at select Western Union Agent locations. Terms and Conditions apply. See flyers for details. Promo duration is from April 9, 2007 - June 30, 2007. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1360, Series of 2007.

© 2007 Western Union Holdings, Inc. All rights reserved.

WESTERN UNION
FAST, RELIABLE, WORLDWIDE MONEY TRANSFER



FERNANDO Zobel de Ayala, Al Santos, Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga and FBDC official Jun Bisnar



AYALA Land's May Florentino, Auty Villarama of Puma, Gigi Villarama of Integrow Children's Activity Center, Nicky and Mel Montoya, and CJ Jesena

High-end hub opens

THE WHO'S WHO IN PHILIPPINE retail and business attended the recent launch of Metro Manila's newest retail and office hub, Bonifacio High Street.

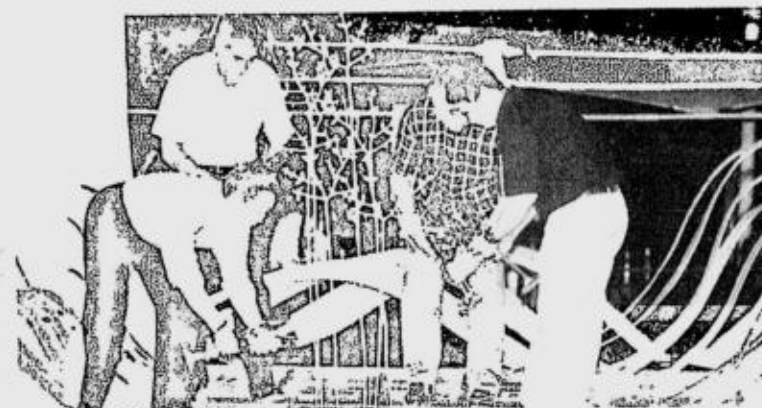
The kilometer-long park flanked by rows of retail and din-

ing spots and offices forms the city center of the 240-hectare Bonifacio Global City in Taguig.

Growth in the new urban hub is expected to accelerate as more and more visitors head for the novel retail and office complex.



ALSO at the launch were CJ Jesena of Ayala Land, FBDC officials Lou Reyes and Jun Bisnar and FBDC director Gen. Narciso Abaya



FBDC's Butch Campos, Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Al Santos and Mayor Freddie Tinga



JAIME I. Ayala (center), president of FBDC and Ayala Land, welcomed locators like Miguel Lanzona and Dr. Carmen Dinglasan of Iuvenis at the colorful and dramatic ceremonies that launched Bonifacio High Street.

Fun family events at the mall

SHANGRI-LA PLAZA offers many kid-centric activities and events that the whole family can enjoy this summer.

Lots of educational fun is in store for kids on May 19-20 with "Thomas Inflatable and Bob the Builder" event at the Grand Atrium.

Do-It-Yourself enthusiasts get a taste of style with "Create

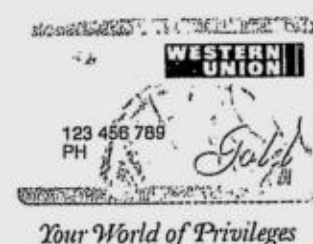
Your Style with Swarovski," again at the Grand Atrium on May 26, starting at 11 a.m. At 2 p.m. of the same day, the Saturday Group of Artists holds a mother-and-child painting session at the Art Plaza.

Shake things up a bit this summer and enjoy the pleasures of music, play and arts and craft with your whole family and friends only at the Shang.

Call 6337851 to 70.



PAGPAPADALA NG SORPRESA SA IYONG MINAMAHAL - MAS KAYA NA WITH WESTERN UNION!



GET A USD5.00 DISCOUNT ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS* WITH ~~WESTERN UNION~~ WHEN YOU PRESENT YOUR WESTERN UNION GOLD CARDSM AT DHL BRANCHES NATIONWIDE.

Sign-up for the improved Western Union Gold Card. Libre 'toll Call 888-1200 Metro Manila, or (02) 888-1200 outside Metro Manila (NDD rates apply), or 1-800-1-888-1200 (PLDT toll-free), or 1-800-9-888-1200 (Globelines toll-free) for more information.

*Terms and conditions apply. Promo duration is from January 27, 2007 - December 31, 2007. See countertop teasers for details.

© 2007 Western Union Holdings, Inc. All rights reserved. Per DTI/NCR Permit No. 0088, Series of 2007.

WESTERN UNION
FAST, RELIABLE, WORLDWIDE MONEY TRANSFER

DIGITAL IXUS
Where style meets substance

Canon
Delighting You Always

Uncompromising precision in a slim new shape.

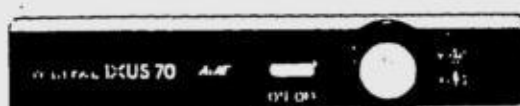


The New Digital IXUS

— IXUS 70 —
7.1 Megapixel CCD
3x Optical Zoom
2.5" Pure Colour LCD



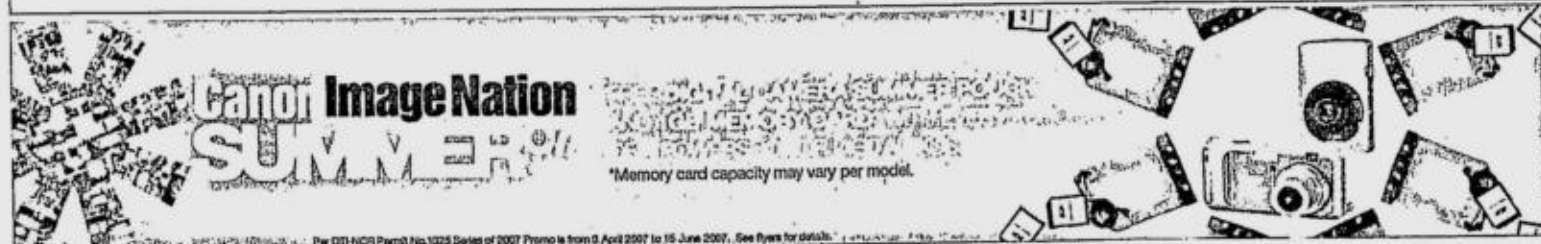
— IXUS 75 —
7.1 Megapixel CCD
3x Optical Zoom
3" Pure Colour LCD



Some people love ultra slim cameras. And some people love ultra sharp pictures. For people who love both, Canon introduces the new Digital IXUS 70. Measuring only 19.4mm in thickness, it features the far superior linear lens instead of a conventional tuck-and-fold type lens. The result is a level of clarity, sharpness and precision unprecedented in a digital camera this slim. What's more, it comes with the powerful DIGIC III Imaging Processor for fast and accurate operation, and a new Pure Colour LCD that helps you see and compose your photos better. It even features Multiple Face Detection for shooting spectacular-looking group photos. The slim yet sharp Digital IXUS 70. Who says you can't have it all?

Install on an original warranty issued by Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc.

Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc. 2/F Marvin Plaza, 2153 Don Chino Rocas Ave. cor. V.A. Rufino St. Makati City • Tel. 844 9000 • Fax 810 9797 E-mail: info@canon.com.ph or www.canon.com.ph



IT solution for insurance firm

THE ENTERPRISE BUSINESS Group (EBG) of Innove Communications and Globe Telecom has partnered with Sunlife of Canada (Phils), Inc., leading international financial services organizations in the country.

The EBG provides Sunlife of Canada high-grade connectivity solution. With its technology, EBG can handle dramatic growth in users and network traffic, as well as provide differentiated connectivity services required by customers.

EBG consists of GlobeSolutions and GlobeQuest, corporate units of Globe Telecom and Innove Communications. It offers wireless and wireline voice and data solutions to top corporations in the Philippines.

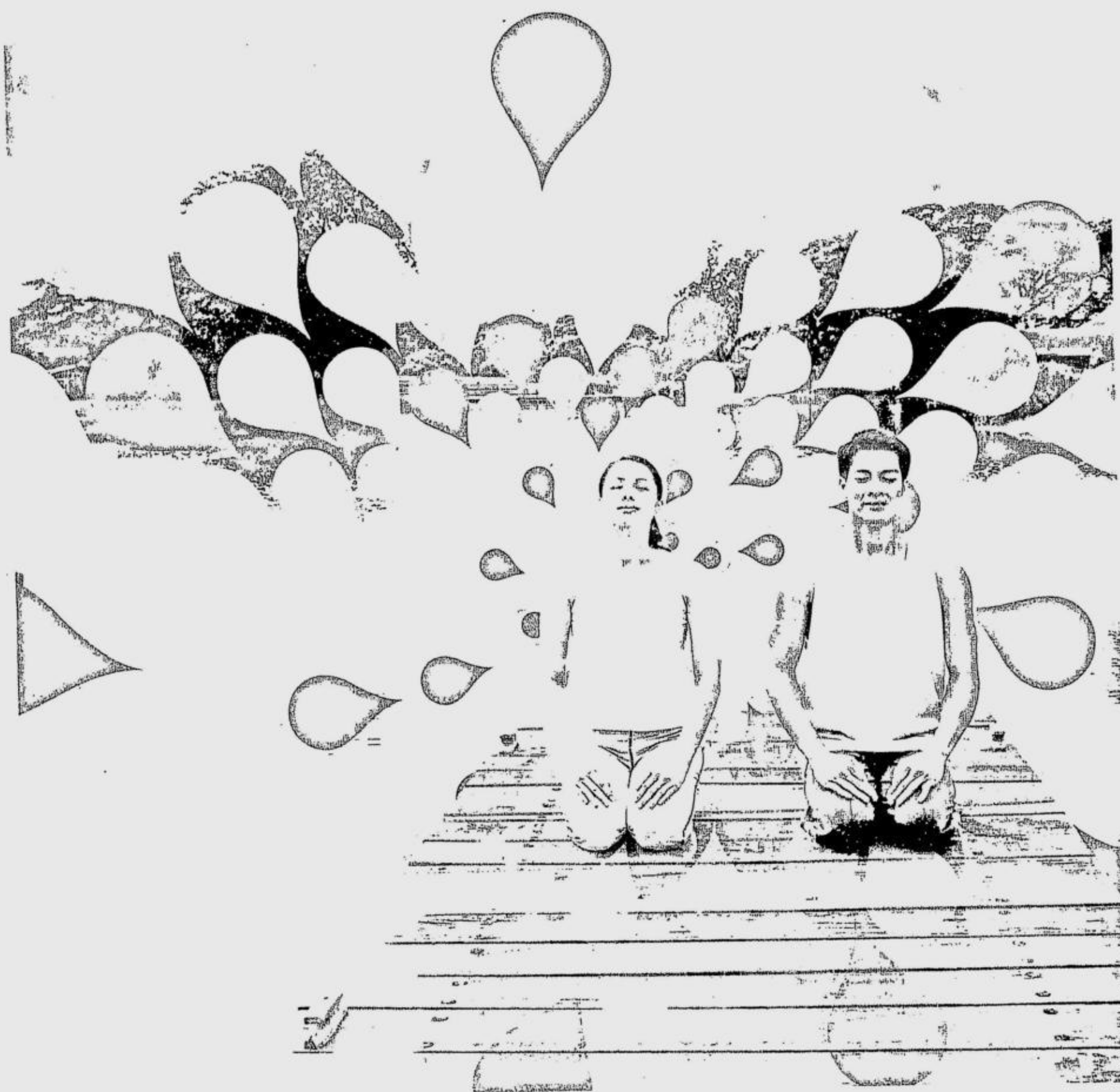


THE PARTNERSHIP between EBG of Innove Communications and Globe Telecom and Sunlife of Canada (Phils), Inc. was formalized by EBG sales head Aries Sayson; EBG head Jesus Romero; Sunlife of Canada (Phils) VP and general manager Dennis Bancod; and Sunlife of Canada (Phils) financial IT head Nilo Zantua. Standing: EBG account manager Meanne Quiambao; EBG product management head Grace Castillo; and EBG sales team leader Robbie Reyes



HOMES FOR TYPHOON VICTIMS

Globe Telecom joined Gawad Kalinga (GK) Foundation in rebuilding the homes of calamity victims in Bicol and other places. The GK IMB Bayani Challenge 2007 aims to build houses in four provinces severely hit by Typhoon Reming—Albay, Sorsogon and Camarines Sur in Bicol, and Marinduque. Globe sent volunteer employees and representatives from the first Globe-TM GK Village in Bagong Silang, Caloocan. Present were Globe president and chief executive officer Gerry Ablaza (right) and Globe consumer business head Ferdz de la Cruz who built a house in Balatas GK Village, Naga City.



Drops of Life

A TASTE OF HEAVEN

When Richard Blechynden dumped a few cubes of ice over brewed tea at the 1904 St. Louis Fair, he must have taken a swig of his potion and said: "This is what heaven must taste like". When he invented iced tea, he must have had a calming sensation like no other. If he sipped on Earth and Sky Lemon Iced Tea, he could have sworn he had tasted heaven. Earth and Sky Iced Tea, drop for drop, combines the legendary soothing effects of tea and the refreshing clean essence of lemon. The bounty of the Earth and the serenity of the sky - the stuff heaven is made of.

When you feel the need to break away from the hustle and bustle of life, go zen and take refuge in a cool glass of Earth and Sky Lemon Iced Tea. The soothing effects of tea, the relaxing benefit of cool water and the refreshing upshot of lemon provide the moment of peace the body and spirit thirst for. It also has 100% of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin C to fortify your body when you decide to re-enter your busy reality.

Comfort and tranquility can be had in the world after all. Sip a glass of Earth and Sky Lemon Iced Tea and get to sip heaven in every drop. And when it's heaven you seek amidst a life of stress and pressure, you will make every drop of Earth and Sky Lemon Iced Tea count.

We at The Coca-Cola Company are constantly inspired by how our consumers make our drinks their drink of choice when they want to break away from reality for a little while. Earth and Sky Lemon Iced Tea gives us a chance to provide for you a truly inspirational drink that rejuvenates your mind, body and spirit. To have comfort and tranquility in a refreshing soothing drink is to have a taste of heaven in every drop.

SA BAWAT PATAK NG KATAHIMIKAN

Pagkatapos ng bawat gawain, masarap patahimikin at papahingahin ang pagod na isip at katawan. Wala na yatang tatapat pa sa mga sandaling nilalaan mo para manariwang muli. Sa iyo, handog namin ang Earth & Sky Iced Tea at halos tatlungtung inuming pamawi-uhaw, pampalusog, pamparelax at pampasigla. Sa Coca-Cola Company, may inuming sasagot sa iyong bawat pangangailangan. Para ma-enjoy mo ang bawat patak ng buhay. Para sa karagdagang kaalaman, mag-log on sa www.bawatpatakmalalaga.com.ph.



The Coca-Cola Company
bawat patak, mahalaga™



The Coca-Cola Company
bawat patak, mahalaga™

Sunday LIFE

Weddings

PRIETO-DELGADO NUPTIALS Joint venture

By Maurice Arcache

BELLS RUNG AND flowers were flung when handsome Chukri Prieto and the deliciously beautiful Ines Delgado were married in a magical ceremony at the church of the rich and famous, the San Antonio Church in posh Forbes Park, dahlings.

But let's back-track a bit. The lovers met while Chukri P was

studying at the University of Nottingham in England and Ines D., at Christie's Education in London.

After they graduated, they returned to Manila to start their careers. She, as a hardworking gal at the Asia Society, later putting up her trendy boutique simply called "Itsie-Bitsie."

Chukri put up his own business, a barbecue place called Chiggy's. He recently became managing director of the popular Racks!

They were both riding the waves of success in their respective businesses when they decided, "Okay, let's go for it and make it real."

Fast forward

At the elegantly decorated church,

JOINT/F3

INES and Chukri Prieto

PHOTO BY WYATT SHAN

Our promo, *Room* for as low as
P1,450+ per person on twin sharing



INCLUSIONS

- Room accommodation
- Full Buffet Breakfast at Le Jardin Restaurant
- Use of Rooftop / Swimming Pool & Gym

PARTY PACKAGE for as low as P24,750+

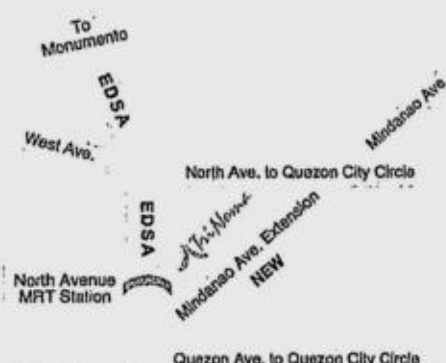
City Garden Hotel
Makati
www.citygardenhotels.com



Makati corner Kalayaan Avenues, Makati City
Telephone No.: 899-1111
E-mail: makati@citygardenhotels.com

Ayala Malls
Love'mall!

TRINOMA IS NOW OPEN.
Plunge into a different mall experience.



TriNoma is making a big splash at
EDSA corner North Avenue, Quezon City.

HOW TO GET THERE:

FROM NLEX/BALINTAWAK: Make a U-Turn along EDSA, before the North Avenue MRT Station, and turn right to North Avenue.
FROM MAKATI/ORTIGAS: From EDSA, turn right to the newly-opened Mindanao Avenue Extension.
FROM QUEZON CITY CIRCLE: Take North Avenue then turn left at Mindanao Avenue Extension.

TriNoma
Where all come together.

**Buy any McDonald's
Royal Meal...**

• 5-pc. Royal Treat

• 10-pc. Royal Treat

• McNuggets Happy Meal

SHREK 3
In theaters May 10th

Shrek is a registered trademark of DreamWorks Animation L.L.C. Shrek 3™ & © 2007 DreamWorks Animation L.L.C. See posters for details. Promo runs from May 14 to June 12, 2007. Per DTI-MCR Permit No. 1724, Series of 2007.

EMILY'S POST
Emily Marcelo

He's a creep, period

DEAR EMILY,

I've been with my boyfriend for six years. I thought it was a good idea for me to go with someone like him who is from a different religion.

I've had a previous relationship and bore a child. I thought my current boyfriend had already accepted my past and this relationship was going to be good.

After all the love I've given him, I found out one day that he had another girlfriend and she was answering his phone for him!

I am so distressed that it took me so long to discover his other life. My friends told me he was treating me this way because of our differences in religion. Is that true? Or is it because of my previous relationship?

PERPLEXED

Please, let us not drag religion into this mess.

Let us separate the sublime from the ridiculous!

Your boyfriend is a creep and a jerk, pure and simple.

You could have been Mother Teresa incarnate and he would still fool around.

You can sprinkle, shower, drench or drown him in love but if he wants to play around with other women, he would at the flimsiest excuse.

It is easy to tell you to leave him because you would feel the pain anyway, regardless. But you really must if you know what is good for you.

The fact that he allows his girlfriend to answer his phone for him, knowing fully well that your number is screaming on the screen only means that the party is over and it is time for you to go home.

There is nothing there anymore—no love and certainly no respect for you.

Carry your broken heart to a corner and cry your heart out for as long as you wish.

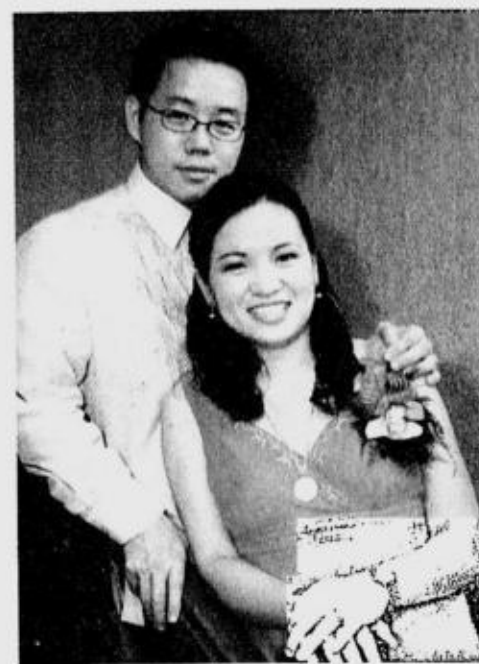
Then, get up, hold your head high, make yourself beautiful and welcome another chapter in your life.

Hey, life is short!

E-mail the author at emarclo@inquirer.com.ph. Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to Inquirer. Listen to Ms Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, on dwBR 104.3 FM.

Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bride and groom, if any, to the INQUIRER, P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the senders.



CHAM-SIA

Jeremy Cham, son of Jimmy and Mary Cham, will wed Stephanie Sia, daughter of Ramon and Cecilia Sia today at Santuario De San Jose, Greenhills, San Juan. Reception will follow at Isla Ballroom, Edsa Shangri-La. The bride will wear a Greek-inspired gown with pure silk chiffon godet dress and beaded satin holster by John Herrera.



PUNSALAN-NILO

Emil Marcelo Punsalan, son of Bernardino and Rosalina Punsalan, recently wed Reccesa Sigua Nilo, daughter of Heliodoro and Zenaida Nilo, at St. Joseph the Worker Chapel 2, Clarkfield, Pampanga. Reception was held at Mar's Garden Restaurant, Balibago, Angeles City.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

QUOTES

ACROSS	53 Range of the Rockies	99 Has- (former celebrities)	7 Western tribe	45 Actress Lauren	82 They're neither Rep. nor Dem.
1 One on Jason's ship	56 Singer Cole: "I tend to be spiteful," said —	100 Chorus syllables	8 "More power —!"	46 Month- — glance	83 Chat room chortle
9 Forebode	61 Imminent	101 Actress Christie: "I feel sad," said —	9 Soccer star	47 Beach bird	84 "—haw!" (Western cry)
16 Rene's pals	63 Skater Cohen	105 Bigwig in a turban	10 Bullfight yell	48 Dict. datum	89 Suffix with electro-
20 Precede	64 Dominion	107 Jazzy	11 Make go "vroom"	51 Old soft drink brand	92 Sodium hydroxide
21 A Roosevelt	65 Singer Holiday: "I often screech," said —	108 Smallish batteries	12 — kwon do (martial art)	54 — Peace Prize	93 Nectar fancier
22 Not a one	70 Take potshots	109 "The Simpsons" store clerk	13 Register	55 Mr., in Calcutta	94 Pastor's field: Abbr.
23 Actress Mitchell: "I am so witty," said —	74 Walking path	110 Liquefied	14 "That's true!"	57 Horseshoe relatives	95 Whichever
25 Van —, CA	75 Phrase on a diet food label	116 Actress Elise: "I am great at yoga," said —	15 In a dull way	58 "—di-dahl!"	96 More dismal
26 "— Fideles" (carol)	80 Actress Tyson: "I'm the prudish type," said —	121 Baltic native	16 Cost per year	59 Med. nation	97 Large depression for water
27 Mined stuff	85 Nissan SUV	122 Unending	17 African country	60 Lovers' meeting	99 Greyhound drivers, e.g.
28 Iraq export	86 A Baldwin brother	123 Space under a desk	18 Rustic poetry piece	62 Pass by	101 Jiggly dessert
29 Web addresses	87 Suffix for languages	124 — buco (veal entree)	19 Insolent	63 Old Italian coins	102 "— Gold" (1997 film)
30 Full-length	88 Holiday tune	125 Family rule	20 PC screen	64 "It —" (reply to "Who's there?")	103 Roasted
32 Actress Mills: "I do this every 24 hours," said —	89 Low laborer	126 Canned fish	21 Corn bases	65 Chicago Loop trains	104 Parishioners
36 Indulge	90 Actor Whitford: "This delights me," said —	DOWN	22 Sneaky laugh	66 "Superman" foe	105 007, for one
40 Flower part	91 Diegut	1 Spain's Duke of —	23 Ocean east of NC	67 "Permanent blemish"	106 Big oaks
41 Cockpit abbr.	92 Actor Whifford: "This delights me," said —	2 Marsh grass	34 "Whoopie!" women's gp.	68 Giza's river	109 Join forces
42 Actress Judd: "I am very impudent," said —	93 Actor Whifford: "This delights me," said —	3 Bestowed	35 Mojave plants	69 Bits of hail	111 City near Provo
45 Torrent	94 Actor Whifford: "This delights me," said —	4 Poems of high praise	36 Pale-looking	70 Typical of	112 1982 sci-fi film
49 Spiced tea	95 Actor Whifford: "This delights me," said —	5 Nourish	37 "— my boy!"	71 Flower part	113 Cover girl Macpherson
50 Bar mixer	96 Actor Whifford: "This delights me," said —	6 Abundantly	38 "The Waste Land" poet	72 Disco singer	114 Salon jobs
51 Singer — "King" Cole	97 Actor Whifford: "This delights me," said —		39 Jr.'s exam	73 On — (having good luck)	117 Bikini top
52 "Are you some kind of —?"	98 See 43-Down		40 With 98-Across, TV Tarzan	74 Tucker or Roberts	118 L.L.'s inferior
			41 Org. for a periodontist	75 "You rang?"	119 Squeal (on)
					120 — bind

answer on page D3

FERNANDEZ-SOMINTAC

Dr. John Fernandez, son of 2nd Lt. Rodolfo Fernandez, will wed Dr. Glenda Somintac, daughter of Leticia Zabala vda. de Somintac, on June 9, at San Fabian Church. Reception will follow at Leisure Coast Justin Hall, Dagupan City, Pangasinan.



ROBINSON-RANADA

Preston Robinson, son of Gary and Reval Robinson, and Andrea Ranada, daughter of Tomas and Benilda Ranada, were recently married at Christ the King Church, Jacksonville, Florida. Reception was held at the Florida Yacht Club.

ELIZARES DEBUT

Jodanni Elizares, eldest daughter of Mr. and Ms. Danny D. Elizares, will celebrate her 18th birthday at 4 p.m., June 3, at Elena Tower Inn, Iligan City. She is a junior Nursing student of Iligan Medical Center College.



MARTINEZ DEBUT

Kathleen Jayne de Jesus Martinez, daughter of Johnny and Aileen Martinez, recently celebrated her 18th birthday at Events Center, Lipa City.

10 fun, fab, fearless years

COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE, the best-selling young women's magazine in the country today, recently celebrated 10 years of being fun, fearless and fabulous with a big birthday blowout at the Rockwell Tent.

In true Cosmo fashion, the night was filled with booze, boys and bonbons—three of every Cosmo girl's favorite things.

The entire Cosmo team partied the night away with its advertisers, friends from the media and lucky readers. Lucky guests won shopping spree at hip and cool stores Topshop, Warehouse and Dorothy Perkins, and fabulous shades from YSL, Gucci and JLo.

Everyone who has been a part of Cosmo's fun, fearless and fabulous decade made sure to grace

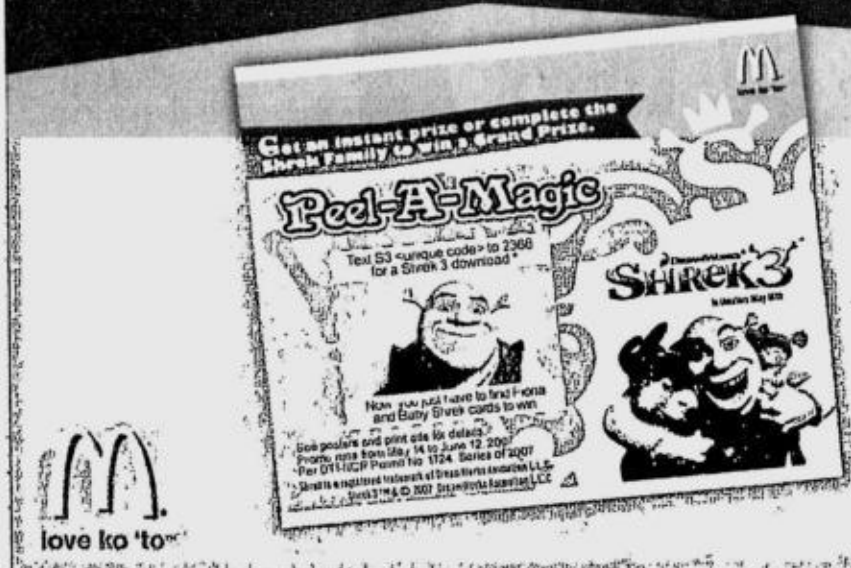
the event, from the hottest and most beautiful Pinay talents who have struck the classic Cosmo cover pose, to the steamiest male stars, hunks and models who have made us *kilig* every year at the Cosmopolitan Bachelor Bash.

The anniversary issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine is its thickest ever, with more than 350 pages of articles that fun, fearless females are sure to learn from through the years. A collector's item, it's definitely a bible every young Pinay should have.

Grab your copy of the May issue, which features the first double cover: KC Concepcion on one side and Piolo Pascual on the other. It's now available in all bookstores and magazine stands nationwide at P150 per copy.



...get a Peel-A-Magic card...



Complete the Shrek Family (Shrek, Fiona, and Baby Shrek).

Shrek is a registered trademark of DreamWorks Animation L.L.C. Shrek 3™ & © 2007 DreamWorks Animation L.L.C. See posters for details. Promo runs from May 14 to June 12, 2007. Per DTH-NCIP Permit No. 1724. Series of 2007.



ITO Kahn, Vicky Lopez, Jacky Atienza and Cecille Reynoso-Atienza



KEN Solon, Paul Soriano, Jessie Maxwell, Jamie de los Angeles



JAVY, Jenny, Trinchi and Coco Garcia



RAMON and Deedee Agustines, Claudia Wilson, Karla Delgado and Leon Araneta



MICHAEL Fuch and Cristi Ferrer

Joint venture

From page F1

the couple's parents, good-looking Leo Prieto Jr. and vivacious headturner Chiqui Martinez Prieto, and gentleman of stature Franco Delgado and his wife, beautiful RosRos Toda Delgado, together with the bridal party, acted as witnesses as the couple made their solemn vows, *palanggas*.

The Madrigal Singers sang magnificent versions of the Lord's Prayer and other familiar heartwarming hymns.

The entourage consisted of adorable children in beige silk European-style dresses accented by delicate lace and ribbon. They were Ana Infante, Lucia Ramos, Natalia Villanueva, Sandro Ramos, and Ricardo Padilla; and junior bridesmaid Ana Ines Borromeo.

The rest of the eye-catching entourage wore dazzling jewel colors that brightened up the wedding in the solemn atmosphere of the church.

While *moi* watched the ceremony, I was impressed with the men and women of mega substance chosen as principal sponsors: Lady Betty Kadourie, Bengy Toda, Marie Ramos, Andre Khan, Lizzie Zobel, Carlos Ortoll, Pilar Lorenzo, Robbie Delgado, Butch Lopez, Alex Prieto, Coy Holmes, ING CEO Bing de Guzman, Doris Ho, Dito Borromeo, Vicky Lopez and Pablum Lobregat.

The gorgeous secondary sponsors were Marta Lovina and Quint Fanzler, Teresa Prieto and Juan Miguel Delgado, Karina Prieto and eligible bachelor Francisco Delgado, dahlings.

One could not miss Chukri's Best Men: nephew Emilio Prieto Torres and Ricardo Garcia. Ines had her aunt, Ana Delgado, as Maid of Honor.

Princess bride

The bride was absolutely radiant and looked



JAIME Augusto Zobel, Lizzie Zobel and Doris Ho



SANDRO Ramos, Lucia Ramos, Ricardo Padilla, Chukri and Ines Prieto, and Inesita Borromeo

like the young princess of society that she is in a fabulous creation by top New York designer Elie Saab, no less, who put delicate flower appliques all over her bridal gown, worn with a mantilla-style veil.

RosRos D. wore an exquisite sapphire blue gown, while Chiqui P. was in a sleek and chic Vera Wang creation in vivid orange red, dahlings.

Après the church ceremony, the 700 elegant invitees dashed to the foyer of the Rigodon Ballroom of the Manila Peninsula, which was beautifully decorated by Mabolo.

Here, the traditional picture-taking was done. In the lobby, a chi-chi champagne reception of Veuve Clicquot and Moët & Chandon was held.

Guests exchanged "bubbly" social talk until the grand ballroom doors opened.

The dinner-dance was a smashing success, *palanggas*. The invitees sat down to a glorious food fest of five excellently prepared dishes that included lobster ravioli and black Angus beef by the hotel's top-of-the-line chefs.

It was so nice to know no one left the reception hungry. The tables were covered with the best linen. And gorgeous stargazers and hydrangeas made up the dazzling centerpiece.

Everyone, young and young at heart, had a roaring grand time rocking the dance floor to the sounds of Spirit of '67 and the Latin beat of Guarana till way, way past Cinderella's bed time, dahlings.

You would have loved this celebration of love, the union of Ines and Chukri Prieto. I know *moi* did.

Cheers, *palanggas*!



FRANCO and RosRos Delgado, Ines and Chukri Prieto, Chiqui and Junior Prieto



STEVE and Precy Psinakis and taipan James Uy



MAURICE Arcache, Vicky Zubiri and Anton San Diego



INES Borromeo and Mariana and Genny Zobel



EMILIO Prieto Torres BIANCA Zobel and Sophia Aboitiz



RICARDO Garcia MARICRIS Zobel and Cathy de Guzman

WENDY Hotung, Jackie Antonio, Ricky Delgado, Marco Antonio, Colin McKay and Nathaniel Aranda



ALEX Prieto and Butch Lopez



LADY Betty Kadourie



MONIQUE Toda



MACKY Lovina, Katrina Cruz, Marta Lovina with Karina, Rosanne and Teresa Prieto



JOEY Tambunting, Anton Huang, Dino Santos, Miguel Tambunting, Bengy Toda, Max and Zelda Kienle



ANNA Aboitiz, Juanmi Delgado, Bettina Kadourie



PATRICK Reyno and Carmen Delgado



IGGY Ramos, Cholet Ramos, Pia Antonio, Andres Marquez and Denise Marquez

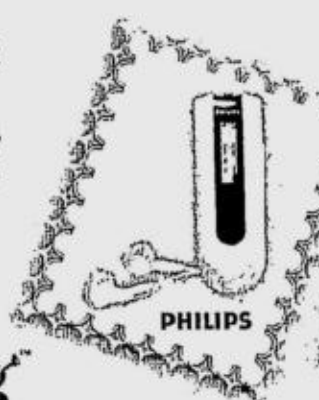
...for a chance to win Royal Treasures.



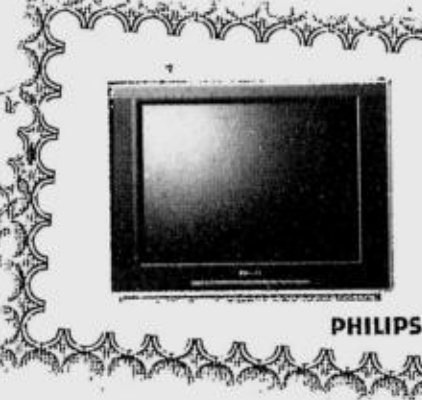
You can also win instant prizes like P2,000 McDonald's Birthday Party Gift Certificates or SM Movie Tickets for 2.

SHREK 3
In theaters May 18th

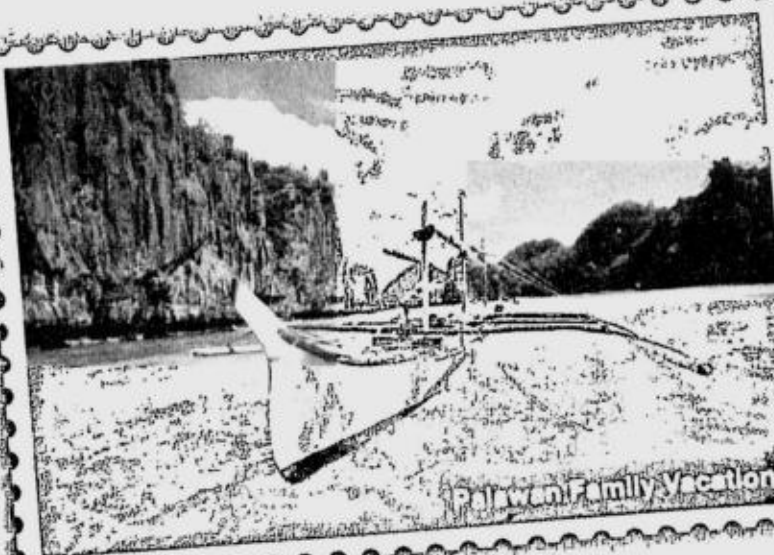
Shrek is a registered trademark of DreamWorks Animation L.L.C. Shrek 3™ & © 2007 DreamWorks Animation L.L.C.



PHILIPS



PHILIPS



See posters for details. Promo runs from May 14 to June 12, 2007. Per DTI-HQ Permit No. 1724, Series of 2007.

love koto

PURELY PERSONAL
Josephine Darang

Baclaran holds 133rd Flores de Mayo procession

CHIT MEDINA GONZALES, THIS year's *hermana mayor* of the traditional Flores de Mayo procession in Baclaran, says she belongs to the sixth generation of *recamaderas* or caretakers of the Virgen de las Flores enthroned in Sta. Rita de Cascia Church.

The parish will hold the 133rd Flores de Mayo procession after the 5 p.m. Mass on May 31 with 18 young *sagalas* and 44 adults that include descendants of Claro Araneta Protacio, Chit's great grandfather.

The tradition began in 1874 with the Virgen Mary as the central focus of the devotion. May 31 is also the Feast of Our Lady of Visitation, making the event doubly special.

Every day since May 1, floral offering has been made during the 6 p.m. Mass. The May 31 Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Sabino Vengco whose homily will be on Mariology.

Protacio brothers

Don Claro and his brothers Laureano and Eusebio settled in Baclaran, then known as Cawayanan. Residents then earned their living catching fish with *baklad*, a contraption made of strips of bamboo. Spaniards could not pronounce *baklad*, and called it instead *baclaran*. So the place became known as Baclaran.

From the start, the image of the Virgen de las Flores was kept by Don Claro's family. His daughter Asuncion married Ceasario Vergel. The couple's daughter Apolonia had a daughter, Miguela, who married Ricardo

Tolentino Medina.

Miguela's daughter Felicitas, more popularly known as "Chit," married Nort Gonzales. Chit's mother passed away in 1995 at the age of 98.

Even as a young girl, Chit was taught devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, seeing to it that her feast day on May 31 was observed.

Chit remembers being a *sagala* herself. It helped that she was an *interna* at St. Paul's College on Herran St. (now Pedro Gil) in Malate where praying the Rosary was a "must."

Her nephew, lawyer Boyet Medina, is this year's *hermano mayor*.

Sta. Rita

The care of the image of Sta. Rita de Cascia in Baclaran fell into the hands of the Laureano Protacio family. Don Laureano's daughter Esperanza married José Gabriel. She was called Impung Pira.

Before she died, she left the care of Sta. Rita to her relatives. The image, however, is now permanently enshrined inside the church.

The barangay fiesta falls on May 20. A Mass will be held 5:30 p.m. by parish priest José Duabe. Beth Sabater is a major sponsor. Bishop Jesse Mercado will officiate at the concelebrated fiesta Mass on May 22, 7 a.m. Sta. Rita is the patroness of the impossible.

San Agustin Church in Intramuros also



SOROPTIMIST
International Founder Manila members and officers with Linabelle Villarica. From left: Baby Lejano, Evelyn Ranada, Mary Lou Claudio, Rosie Mata Castro, Amparo Araullo, Minda Garcia and Roxanne de la Cuesta

makes a nine-day Novena of Masses for her at 5:30 p.m. On fiesta day, the traditional procession after the 5:30 p.m. Mass moves around Intramuros. Since 1967, fashion designer Oskar Peralta has been decorating the *carroza* of the saint with dozens of red roses.

41st year

Soroptimist International Founder Manila marked its 41st year by celebrating International Women's Day at Jade Vine Restau-

rant. Gov. Linabelle Ruth Villarica was guest speaker. She spoke on commitment to volunteerism.

SI Founder Manila president Amparo Javier-Araullo said the group continued to offer free basic computer education for 12 Saturdays at Mega Building on Sgt. Butatay Street, Mandaluyong City. Chaired by Josie Reyes, the program has graduated 48 women.

A livelihood program chaired by Pat Cuyugan teaches the making of soya milk, soya burger, soya pancake in adopted barangay 877 and 878 in the Sta. Ana district.

SI Founder Manila was organized by Mariquit Castelo in 1966. She told members, "God's gift to me is to help others draw out the best in themselves. I am only an instrument of God. He tries to accomplish things through me and you."

Convention

The Western Mindanao District of the Soroptimist International of the Philippine Region will host the 21st Mid-biennial Conference May 25-27 at Garden Orchid Hotel in Zamboanga City. Theme is "Nurturing Dreams, Building Soroptimist Capabilities."

Play

Bernardo Bernardo is appearing as Prudencio in "The Romance of Magno Rubio," the award-winning play of Lonnie Carter based on the short story of Carlos Bulosan, May 19-June 17 at the Culture Project Theater, 55 Mercer St., New York City.

Paolo Montalban plays Claro; Art Acuna, Nick; Ramon de Ocampo, Attoy; and Jojo Gonzales, Magno. It is directed by Loy Arceñas. For tickets/schedule, call 212-3533101.

Diamond anniversary

The Most Holy Trinity Parish on Calabash Road, Balic-Balic, Sampaloc, Manila, will celebrate its 75th anniversary with Novena Masses May 25-June 2, 6:30 p.m. Bishops from various dioceses will be the main celebrants.

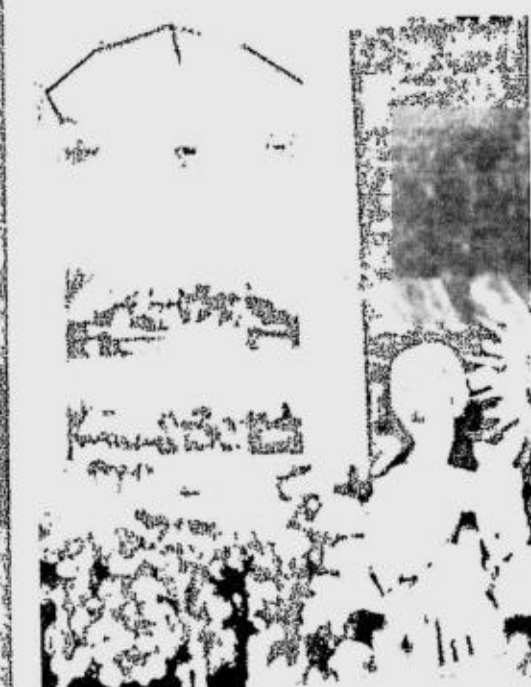
Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales will preside over Misang Bayan on June 3, feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

Those who will visit the parish church and follow the normal conditions (sacramental confession, eucharistic communion and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father) will be granted plenary indulgence. The parish church will therefore be open for pilgrimages.

For inquiries, please contact the Diamond Jubilee secretariat at 7816073.

Golden anniversary

Sr. Maria Walburga Vasquez Baybay, OSB, will mark the golden jubilee of her monastic profession with a Mass by Fr. Domingo Baybay Jr. May 24, 10 a.m., at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbey Church in Vigan. Mother Abbess Mary Celeste Nidea, OSB, of the Benedictine nuns of the Eucharistic King will lead the celebration.



CHIT Medina Gonzales with the Virgen de las Flores in Sta. Rita Parish Church in Baclaran, Parañaque

Fresh, light, and a whole lot of fun.



Shake with Creamy Asian or Ranch Dressing.

Available in selected stores. Also available: McDonald's Super Salad.

24-HOUR DELIVERY

FOR METRO MANILA ONLY

8 M C D O
6 2 3 6



ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Emmie G. Velarde

sms feedback: Inquirer ent name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) and 283 (Smart) or email us at pr_entertainment@inquirer.com.ph

Website: www.inquirer.net/entertainment

Ngayong pasukan, pasok lahat sa budget mo.

Sa HSBC 0%* Installment Plan, lahat ng bilingin sa National Book Store pwedeng bayaran ng three gives.



National Book Store

0%

 HSBC
The world's local bank

Christian once more

RUFFA GUTIERREZ -Bektas had a "water baptism" on Friday during rites that effectively re-converted her to Christianity from Islam. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Gus Lising of the Christ Commission Fellowship at the pool of One McKinley at the Fort, a witness reported.

Sponsors were Gary Valenciano, Sharon Cuneta, Anthony and Maricel Pangilinan.

The decision was "last minute," although Ruffa had been attending Bible studies for a few weeks, according to a source.

"It's like re-dedicating her life to the Lord," said the source.

Earlier, a women's rights advocate interviewed about Ruffa's current


RUFFA GUTIERREZ

RUDY ESPERAS

move to have her marriage to Turkish (and Muslim) businessman Yilmaz Bektas annulled recalled a similar case.

Lawyer Katrina Legarda said a Filipina model lost cus-

CHRISTIAN/G2

MTRCB chides networks for prime-time violations

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND Classification Board (MTRCB) has reprimanded the Kapamilya and Kapuso networks for violations committed on their prime-time shows "Wowowee" and "Sis," respectively.

For airing a subject "too adult for prime-time viewing," GMA 7's mid-morning talk show "Sis" was suspended for one episode, according to a Board memorandum dated May 17.

"Sis" will not be seen on May 28, as discussed during a hearing at the MTRCB office in Quezon City that six GMA execs attended.

The offending episode was "Anghang ng Bedroom Talk, Patok na Patok," aired April 30, which tackled "marital topics" such as "frequency of sex, who initiates sex, how to have sex with children around."

The subject was "too sensitive for the time slot," said MTRCB Chair Marissa Laguardia in a memo dated May 15.

She noted that the offense originally warranted a two-day suspension (May 21 and 28) but GMA 7 sent a letter of appeal, and the Board "granted the network's request."

In a phone interview, GMA 7 vice president for Program Management Joey Abacan said the network asked the Board for "ample time."

"We are committed to our viewers and ad-

vertisers," said Abacan. "We felt that suspending the show on May 21 may be too soon for us. *Wala kaming ipapalit na program.* We're glad Chairman Laguardia agreed."

Meanwhile, ABS-CBN received a warning from the Board when artist Eda Nolan "suddenly" exposed her breast while dancing on the May 12 episode of the noon-time game show "Wowowee."

Nolan, one of the cast members of the youth-oriented show "Gokada Go" on Studio 23, wore a tube dress during the production number.

Negligence

Laguardia stressed in her letter to ABS-CBN vice president for Programs Socorro Vidanes that "breast exposure" is a violation of PD 1986 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

In a hearing also on May 17, ABS-CBN has agreed to submit to the Board its position paper and all other supporting documents within seven days.

A position paper is the party's legal stand on the matter, explained MTRCB board member Sonny Cases.

"The Board believes there is some negligence on the part of ABS-CBN. The network probably doesn't agree with this, so it will try to defend itself," he added. "We will make a resolution based on what the network would give us."

DID YOU KNOW...

THE FAMOUS Baby James Yap was baptized yesterday at the St. John Bosco parish church in Makati. The equally famous godparents are Boy Abunda, ABS-CBN exec Deo Endrinal (manager

DID YOU/G2

3RD WEEK NATION-WIDE!
MTRCB Rating: G All Ages Admitted

THE CRITICS AGREE: THE BEST "SPIDER-MAN" YET!

"★★★★...THE BEST OF THE TRILOGY... SERIOUSLY GOOD FUN..."
CHARLOTTE O'SULLIVAN, LONDON EVENING STANDARD

"WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR FILMS OF ALL TIME."
ENSCHEDE (FRANCE)

"...BETTER THAN BOTH 'SPIDER-MAN 1' AND 'SPIDER-MAN 2' COMBINED. THE MOST AWESOME SUPERHERO BATTLES EVER."
FRED TOPEL, CANNES.COM

TOBEY MAGUIRE



Distributed by COLUMBIA PICTURES

Jollibee

and

Charmee 佳美
feminine production

P. 91

SARAH GERONIMO INMOTION

 THE CONCERT
JULY 14, 2007 • 8PM
ARANETA COLISEUM


With special guests: Gary Valenciano, Jericho Rosales, Sam Milby, Mark Bautista, John Prats and Ms. Ai-Ai Delas Alas

 Tickets available at the Araneta Coliseum and all Ticketnet outlets. Tel no. 911-5555
Patron A - P 2,500 Patron B - P 2,000 Lower Box - P 1,500 Upper Box A - P 1,000 Upper Box B - P 500 General Admission - P 250 *Plus Service Charge
For Inquiries call VIVA Concerts & Events Tel No. 6876181 loc. 620 & 745

Visit www.sarahgeronimoinmotion.com for more details.

 VIVA
CONCERTS & EVENTS

MMTA

METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION

MOVIE GUIDE

NOW SHOWING

SRANG CINEPLEX 1 SHREK 3 2 SHREK 3 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 WHISPER PREMIERE SHREK 3 CINEMA 2000 Cinema 2000 Wal-Mart Makati Wal-Mart Center, Cebu Road, Makati City Tel 816-4214 / 816-4215 1 SHREK THE THIRD 2 SHREK THE THIRD 3 SPIDER-MAN-3 4 FRACTURE starmall (Mandaluyong) tel. 7260150 3 FRACTURE 4 SPIDER-MAN-3 5 RESERVED metropolis star www.clickcity.com.ph (ALABANG) tel. 864-288, 543-1994 1 CONDEMNED 2 SPIDER-MAN-3 3 28 WEEKS LATER 4 ZOMBIES THEATRES 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 SHOOTER 3 THE HILLS HAVE EYES PACIFIC MALL CINEMAGIC Pacific Mall Laguna tel. 042-850-5271 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 SHREK THE THIRD 3 RESERVED 4 RESERVED Filinvest FESTIVAL CINEMA (Muntinlupa) tel. 850-3571 or 72 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 SPIDER-MAN-3 3 28 WEEKS LATER 4 SHREK THE THIRD 5 FRACTURE 6 SPIDER-MAN-3 7 WHISPER 8 SHREK THE THIRD 9 SHREK THE THIRD 10 CONDEMNED / LUCKY YOU Blue Wave Seaside Highway cor. Mayor Gil Fernando Street, Sta. Rita, Marikina City tel. 341927 1 SHREK THE THIRD 2 SPIDER-MAN-3 3 SHREK THE THIRD 4 RESERVED SUPER CINERAMA Isetan Cinemas Complex Recto tel. 7334228 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 28 WEEKS LATER 3 SHREK THE THIRD 4 FRACTURE 5 SATANICA MANUPAL Mandaluyong tel. 533-3851 / 533-3856 1 SHOOTER 2 SPIDER-MAN-3 3 THE HILLS HAVE EYES 4 FIREHOUSE DOG Movies / Schedules / Prices Subject to Change Without Prior Notice	Marasana CINEMA (Pasig) tel. 833-3290 / 833-3274 1 SHREK THE THIRD 2 SPIDER-MAN-3 3 CONDEMNED Center Mall Cinema Baguio Center Mall, Magway Avenue (Baguio City) tel. (074) 4442346 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 THE HILLS HAVE EYES Jade Cinema (Angeles City) tel. (045) 887-2001 to 03 1 SHREK THE THIRD 2 SPIDER-MAN-3 3 WHISPER 4 PAN'S LABYRINTH Centre Plaza Cinema (Balanga, Bataan) tel. (047) 237-7007 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 TURTLES PASAY CINEMAS (Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave. (C-5) Gerson City) tel. (02) 883-9333 or 72 1 SHREK THE THIRD 2 SPIDER-MAN-3 3 SHREK THE THIRD 4 FRACTURE / SPIDER-MAN-3 CINEMA 2000 Movie Theatres of the New Millennium Cinema 2000 Wal-Mart (Cebu) tel. (049) 545-7383 1 PERFECT STRANGER 2 SHREK THE THIRD 3 SPIDER-MAN-3 4 SPIDER-MAN-3 Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall (Buhay) tel. (049) 4111446 1 RESERVED 2 RESERVED 3 RESERVED 4 RESERVED Cinema 2000 Cinemagix (Urdaneta) tel. (075) 568-6771 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 ROCKY BALBOA 3 SHOOTER Cinema 2000 Metrotown (Tarlac) tel. (045) 192-1729 1 SHOOTER 2 SUNSHINE 3 SPIDER-MAN-3 4 THE REAPING Cinema 2000 Wal-Mart (Pamplona) tel. (044) 795-3320 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 SHREK THE THIRD 3 SHREK THE THIRD Cinema 2000 Wal-Mart (Gapan) tel. (044) 4867736 1 SHOOTER 2 SPIDER-MAN-3 Lianas Cinema (Pasig) tel. 640-4748 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 ZOMBIES Lianas Cinema (Alabang) tel. 850-1276 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 KATAS 3 SEX DRIVE 4 ZOMBIES Lianas MovieCity (Cebu) tel. (049) 545-7202 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 RUMBLE BOYS 3 SHREK THE THIRD 4 RAMPADORA THE CHANTING Fiesta World Mall (Lipa) tel. (043) 931-0790 1 THE SHOOTER 2 SHREK THE THIRD 3 THE REAPING 4 SPIDER-MAN-3 Berma Cinema (Bacalar) tel. 879-2030 / 879-2029 1 SPIDER-MAN-3 2 SEX EDUCATION
---	---



Reality checks

From page G4

where we were among the mentors. The conference was initiated by the CBCP. Perhaps you can link up with it there.

You're right, it's time for watchful viewers to let our TV people know that there are standards to maintain, and viewers' sensibilities and rights to respect.

Meet Ioan Gruffud

REPRISING his role in this year's blockbuster film, "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Sil-

ver Surfer," Ioan Gruffud (pronounced Yo-an Griffith) is back as Reed Richards/Mr. Fantastic, to unravel the motive of the Silver Surfer, whose sudden swing to earth has disrupted his wedding to Sue Storm/Invisible Woman (Jessica Alba).

Gruffud's previous film credits include "Fantastic Four," "King Arthur," "Titanic," "102 Dalmatians," "Solomon and Gaenor" and "Black Hawk Down."

Did You Know...

of BJ's mom), cager Jun Limpot, basketball agent Edgar Tan (manager of BJ's dad), Claudine Barretto, Lucy Torres and Rina Teopaco.

Christian ...

From page G1

today of her children because she was covered by the Shari'a Law, as she had previously converted to Islam, her husband's religion.

Legarda said the model regained custody after re-converting to Christianity.

An associate of Legarda's, lawyer June Ambrosio, is now Ruffa's counsel.

MTRCB R-13

STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE.

DEMONYO KANG BATA KAI!!

"SO SCARY IT MAKES OMEN SEEM LIKE CHILD'S PLAY"

-VARIETY MAGAZINE



JOSH HOLLOWAY "LOST" SARAH WAYNE CALLIES "PRISON BREAK"

WHISPER

BAD SIYA, KAYA LAGOT KA!!

NOW SHOWING

VIVA



Gateway MALL Farmers Plaza

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

WATCH IT LIVE VIA SATELLITE

TOMORROW / 7PM

REPLAYS: MAY 25, 26 & 27

Gateway Cineplex*10

TICKET PRICES: P300 / P180

JOHN CENA vs THE GREAT KHALI

EDGE vs BATISTA AND MANY MORE

CALL 911.3101 LOC 8393 FOR MORE DETAILS

For reservations, call 911-5555 or log on to ticketnet.com.ph & araneacenter.net

Gateway Cineplex*10

LARGEST CURVED SCREEN 70 FEET WIDE, 30 FEET HIGH

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

SPIDERMAN 3	SHREK 3	WHISPER	LUCKY YOU
12:15 / 1:15 / 2:10 / 3:10 4:10 / 5:05 / 6:05 / 7:05 8:00 / 9:00 / 10:00	11:40 / 12:55 / 1:50 / 3:05 4:00 / 5:15 / 6:10 7:25 / 8:20 / 9:35	12:30 / 2:50 / 5:10 / 7:30 / 9:50	1:10 / 4:00 / 6:50 / 9:40
28 WEEKS LATER	FRACTURE	SHREK 3	
1:30 / 4:10 / 6:50 / 9:30	1:30 / 4:10 / 6:50 / 9:30	12:20 / 2:30 / 4:40 / 6:50 / 9:00	

MALL 5

1 SHREK 3	2 FRACTURE	3 SPIDERMAN 3
12:20 / 2:30 / 4:20 / 6:10 / 8:00	12:10 / 2:50 / 5:30 / 8:10	12:30 / 3:10 / 5:50 / 8:30
4 CONDEMNED	5 WHISPER	
1:00 / 3:20 / 5:40 / 8:00	1:20 / 3:40 / 6:00 / 8:20	

TUITION MO. SAGOT KO!

Be one of FIVE winners of tuition fee rebates with every P500 purchase at Ali Mall and Farmers Plaza!

Ali Mall Farmers Plaza Bacchus

See printers & flyers for details. Par DTI NCR Permit No. A1-0155 Series of 2907

OPENS MAY 30!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF 'SEVEN' AND 'FIGHT CLUB'



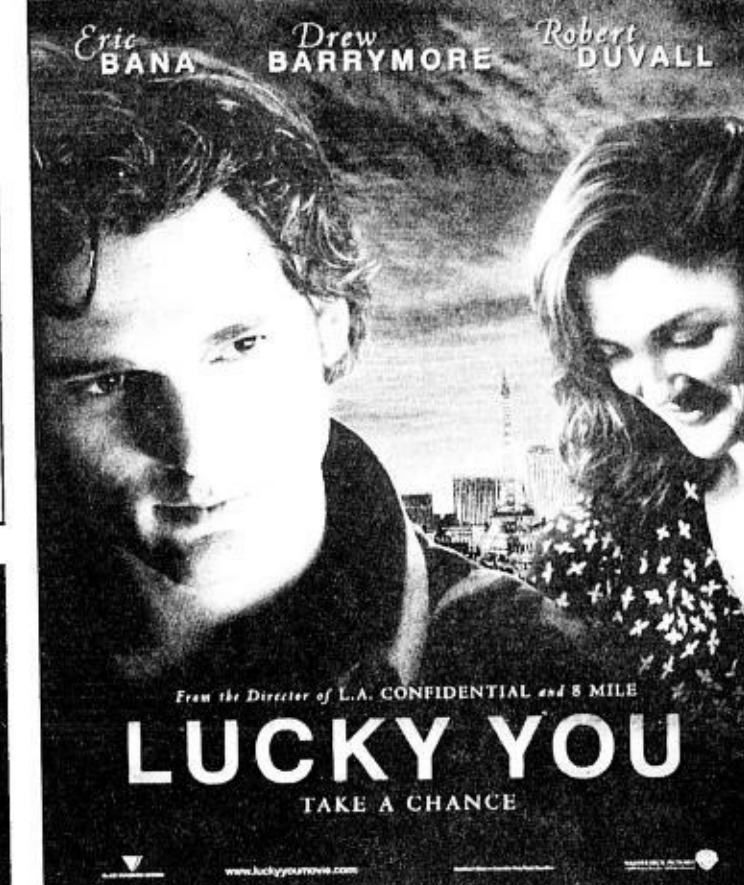
ZODIAC

BASED ON REAL EVENTS

PHOENIX www.thezodiacmovie.co.uk

NOW SHOWING!

MTRCB PG-13



From the Director of L.A. CONFIDENTIAL and 8 MILE

LUCKY YOU

TAKE A CHANCE

www.luckyyoumovie.com

No. 1 Indonesian HIT MOVIE of the Year!

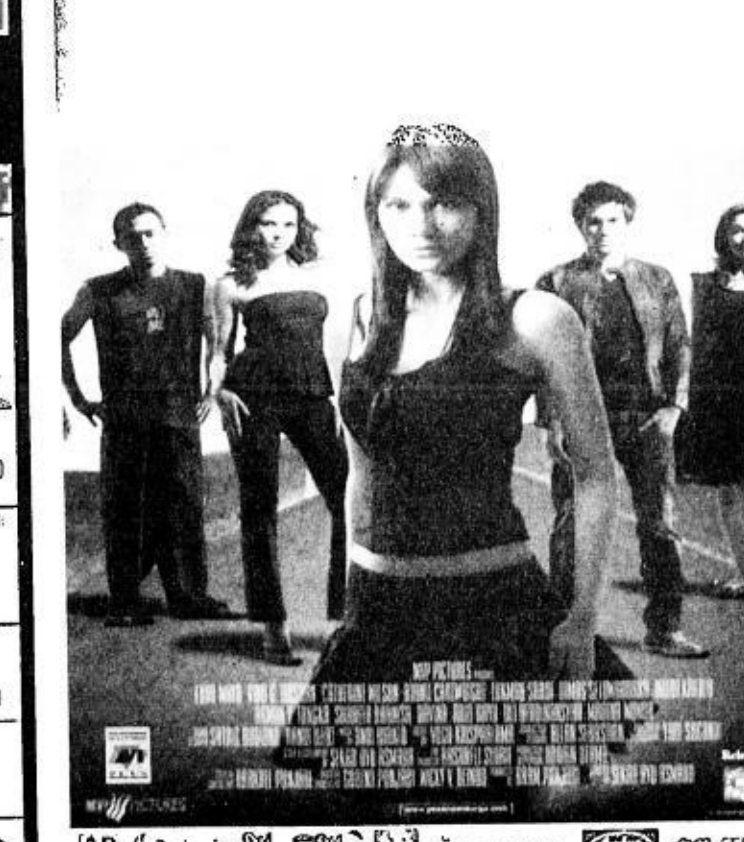
OPENS on MAY 23

MTRCB R13 Strictly for 13 years of age and above

LUNA MAYA VINO G. RASTAN CATHERINE WILSON RIANI CARLWRIGHT LUKMAN SARIH

PESAN BARI SURGA

MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

RED CARPET PREMIERE May 21 SM Megamall Cinema 4 (7PM)

MALL TOUR (featuring 4-wheel drive Band)

May 17 SM Lazaro May 18 SM Manila

May 19 SM Valenzuela May 20 SM North EDSA

BAR TOUR

Cowboy Grill - May 17, 18 and 20 Mugen Bar, Metrowalk - May 19



JOINT PROPERTY AUCTION

as much as **30%** discount on lots
as low as **10%** interest

MAY 22, 2007 • TUESDAY • 2:00 PM • HOTEL ROMA, COR. LUNA & BONIFACIO PILAR STS., TUGUEGARAO CITY

MAY 24, 2007 • THURSDAY • 2:00 PM • COUNTRY FARM - PAVILLION, Prov. Road San Andres, Santiago City, Isabela

CAGAYAN

PRIME PROPERTIES

ITEM 1 - 3-Storey Bldg w/ extension
Lot Area: 914.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 172.00 sqm.
Market Value: 2,373,000.00
Min Bid Price: 2,455,000.00

ITEM 2 - Residential commercial
Lot Area: 683 sqm.
Lot 3706-B Don Domingo, Balzain, Tuguegarao City
Min Bid Price: 11,050,000.00

ITEM 2b - Residential
Lot Area: 700 sqm.
Lot 3707-G Don Domingo, Balzain, Tuguegarao City
Min Bid Price: 3,700,000.00

ITEM 3 - Residential Lot W/ Fully
Day Rest, Bldg
Lot Area: 2,630.00 sqm.
Lot 3772-D & 3772-C, Along National Highway, Bo Rayu
Market Value: 12,000,000.00
Min Bid Price: 10,000,000.00

ITEM 4 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 3,633.00 sqm.
Lot 2854-D Calog Sur, Abulug, Cagayan
Market Value: 183,000.00
Min Bid Price: 146,000.00

ITEM 5 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,816.00 sqm.
Lot 3074-F Calog Sur, Abulug, Cagayan
Market Value: 100,000.00
Min Bid Price: 75,000.00

ITEM 6 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,625.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 54.00 sqm.
Lot 2857 Calog Sur, Abulug, Cagayan
Market Value: 92,000.00
Min Bid Price: 69,000.00

ITEM 7 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 4,073.00 sqm.
Lot No. 1048 Landlocked, Sta. Filomena, Abulug, Cagayan
Market Value: 102,000.00
Min Bid Price: 66,000.00

ITEM 8 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,005.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 297.00 sqm.
Lot 13-C-3-A Inangan, Alacapan, Cagayan
Market Value: 2,414,000.00
Min Bid Price: 1,890,000.00

ITEM 9 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,369.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 378.00 sqm.
Lot 5002 Inangan, Alacapan, Cagayan
Market Value: 1,019,000.00
Min Bid Price: 968,000.00

ITEM 10 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 699.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 249.00 sqm.
Lot 6-B-3-C Centro, Alacapan, Cagayan
Market Value: 819,000.00
Min Bid Price: 737,000.00

ITEM 11 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 25,981.00 sqm.
Lot 647 Cabaguan (Now) Siagan, Alacapan, Cagayan
Market Value: 155,000.00
Min Bid Price: 132,000.00

ITEM 12 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 20,000.00 sqm.
Lot 2 Bimbangan, Alacapan, Cagayan
Market Value: 140,000.00
Min Bid Price: 105,000.00

ITEM 13 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,652.00 sqm.
Lot 8 Landlocked, Maluyo, Alacapan, Cagayan
Market Value: 66,000.00
Min Bid Price: 45,000.00

ITEM 14 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 9,970.00 sqm.
Lot 44, 4338, 4342, 4357 Minanga, Apari, Cagayan
Market Value: 1,249,000.00
Min Bid Price: 687,000.00

ITEM 15 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 229,648.00 sqm.
Lot 1 & 2 Pandungan Norte (Now) Cacuilan, Apari, Cagayan
Market Value: 689,000.00
Min Bid Price: 517,000.00

ITEM 16 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 7,949.00 sqm.
Lot 4077 Buisa Norte, Apari, Cagayan
Market Value: 199,000.00
Min Bid Price: 149,000.00

ITEM 17 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 3,856.00 sqm.
Lot 3579-A-2-A Nat'l Rd. Pattung, Apari, Cagayan
Market Value: 162,000.00
Min Bid Price: 130,000.00

ITEM 18 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 48,106.00 sqm.
Lot 3626 Pandungan Norte (Now) Cacuilan, Apari, Cagayan
Market Value: 144,000.00
Min Bid Price: 106,000.00

ITEM 19 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 622.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 138.00 sqm.
Lot 5235-C Napanan, Apari, Cagayan
Market Value: 107,000.00
Min Bid Price: 91,000.00

ITEM 20 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,015.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 58.00 sqm.
Lot 6110-A Binalan, Apari, Cagayan
Market Value: 63,000.00
Min Bid Price: 41,000.00

ITEM 21 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 5,300.00 sqm.
Lot 3402-A Zinagan (Now) Bakling, Apari, Cagayan
Market Value: 53,000.00
Min Bid Price: 40,000.00

ITEM 22 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 6,345.00 sqm.
Lot 4445-H Binalan, Apari, Cagayan
Market Value: 19,000.00
Min Bid Price: 14,000.00

ITEM 23 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 23,970.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 172.00 sqm.
Lot 5438 Sita Napanan-Zilanga, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 2,373,000.00
Min Bid Price: 2,455,000.00

ITEM 24 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 308.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 121.00 sqm.
Lot 1495 Cabubuan East, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 590,000.00
Min Bid Price: 443,000.00

ITEM 25 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,850.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 86.00 sqm.
Lot 4131 Amambuan, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 416,000.00
Min Bid Price: 312,000.00

ITEM 26 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 5,000.00 sqm.
Lot 1760-A-1 Palagao Sur, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 50,000.00
Min Bid Price: 35,000.00

ITEM 27 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,427.00 sqm.
Lot 6204-I Fugui, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 143,000.00
Min Bid Price: 107,000.00

ITEM 28 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,760.00 sqm.
Lot 2295 Torres St., Gonzaga, Cagayan
Market Value: 484,000.00
Min Bid Price: 387,000.00

ITEM 29 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 25,471.00 sqm.
Lot-C Batangan, Gonzaga, Cagayan
Market Value: 280,000.00
Min Bid Price: 210,000.00

ITEM 30 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 6,122.00 sqm.
Lot No. 1151 Landlocked Cabanitan West, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 122,000.00
Min Bid Price: 85,000.00

ITEM 31 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,650.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 107.00 sqm.
Lot 6390 Nararagan, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 95,000.00
Min Bid Price: 72,000.00

ITEM 32 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 912.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 63.00 sqm.
Lot 869 Cabanitan West, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 84,000.00
Min Bid Price: 64,000.00

ITEM 33 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,823.00 sqm.
Lot 1426 Cabubuan West, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 91,000.00
Min Bid Price: 68,000.00

ITEM 34 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,559.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 65.00 sqm.
Lot 980 Cabanitan West, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 99,000.00
Min Bid Price: 84,000.00

ITEM 35 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 3,680.00 sqm.
Lot No. 2846 Brgy. Rd. Bagu, Pamplona, Cagayan
Market Value: 165,000.00
Min Bid Price: 125,000.00

ITEM 36 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 713.00 sqm.
Lot 8405 Landlocked Ziangala Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 36,000.00
Min Bid Price: 25,000.00

ITEM 37 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 904.00 sqm.
Lot 864 Cabanitan West, Ballesteros, Cagayan
Market Value: 27,000.00
Min Bid Price: 19,000.00

ITEM 38 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 5,000.00 sqm.
Lot 8-K-2 Mala Weste, Buguey, Cagayan
Market Value: 110,000.00
Min Bid Price: 77,000.00

ITEM 39 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 14,308.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 130.00 sqm.
Lot 2579-E Brgy. Road, Meboto, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 37,000.00
Min Bid Price: 302,000.00

ITEM 40 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 5,395.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 121.00 sqm.
Lot No. 1481 Magsaysay St., Centro, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 320,000.00
Min Bid Price: 208,000.00

ITEM 41 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 6,054.00 sqm.
Lot 512 Nat'l Rd. Aguguihan, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 254,000.00
Min Bid Price: 191,000.00

ITEM 42 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 5,486.00 sqm.
Lot 114-F-2 Landlocked Poblacion, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 274,000.00
Min Bid Price: 151,000.00

ITEM 43 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 9,115.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 88.00 sqm.
Lot 2079 Capidigan, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 189,000.00
Min Bid Price: 132,000.00

ITEM 44 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 9,446.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 80.00 sqm.
Lot 937-A-2 Cullit, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 109,000.00
Min Bid Price: 123,000.00

ITEM 45 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,114.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 78.00 sqm.
Lot 1760-B Palagao Sur, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 72,000.00
Min Bid Price: 47,000.00

ITEM 46 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 5,000.00 sqm.
Lot 1760-B Palagao Sur, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 72,000.00
Min Bid Price: 47,000.00

ITEM 47 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 4,754.00 sqm.
Lot 1938 Simpuyao, Sta. Teresita, Cagayan
Market Value: 166,000.00
Min Bid Price: 108,000.00

ITEM 48 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 5,000.00 sqm.
Lot 1760-A-1 Palagao Sur, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 50,000.00
Min Bid Price: 35,000.00

ITEM 49 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 3,652.00 sqm.
Lot 1005-A Calaguan, Bessit, Galtaran, Cagayan
Market Value: 32,000.00
Min Bid Price: 24,000.00

ITEM 50 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 2,152.00 sqm.
Lot 1938 Simpuyao, Sta. Teresita, Cagayan
Market Value: 166,000.00
Min Bid Price: 108,000.00

ITEM 51 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 2,731.00 sqm.
Lot 37 Ipi, Gonzaga, Cagayan
Market Value: 191,000.00
Min Bid Price: 153,000.00

ITEM 52 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 6,994.93 sqm.
Lot 11 Amambuan, Gonzaga, Cagayan
Market Value: 127,000.00
Min Bid Price: 89,000.00

ITEM 53 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 230.00 sqm.
Lot 11 Ipi, Gonzaga, Cagayan
Market Value: 37,000.00
Min Bid Price: 31,000.00

ITEM 54 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 300.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 151.00 sqm.
Lot No. B-1-A Lelaugan, La-La, Cagayan
Market Value: 974,000.00
Min Bid Price: 828,000.00

ITEM 55 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 303.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 179.00 sqm.
Lot 291 Macaling, La-La, Cagayan
Market Value: 464,000.00
Min Bid Price: 390,000.00

ITEM 56 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,114.00 sqm.
Lot 1516-D Fugui, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 35,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 57 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,413.00 sqm.
Lot 1518-B Fugui, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 35,000.00
Min Bid Price: 26,000.00

ITEM 58 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,413.00 sqm.
Lot 1518-B Fugui, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 35,000.00
Min Bid Price: 26,000.00

ITEM 59 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,413.00 sqm.
Lot 1518-B Fugui, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 35,000.00
Min Bid Price: 26,000.00

ITEM 60 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,413.00 sqm.
Lot 1518-B Fugui, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 35,000.00
Min Bid Price: 26,000.00

ITEM 61 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 7,351.00 sqm.
Lot 649 Ilitun, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 33,000.00
Min Bid Price: 25,000.00

ITEM 62 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 3,509.00 sqm.
Lot 731 Nat'l Rd. Tangalan, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 232,000.00
Min Bid Price: 185,000.00

ITEM 63 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,250.00 sqm.
Lot No. 1481 Magsaysay St., Centro, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 168,000.00
Min Bid Price: 150,000.00

ITEM 64 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 8,365.00 sqm.
Lot 65 Parit, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 210,000.00
Min Bid Price: 147,000.00

ITEM 65 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,247.00 sqm.
Lot 1502 Undeveloped Rd. Dora Site, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 125,000.00
Min Bid Price: 100,000.00

ITEM 66 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,248.00 sqm.
Lot 1043 Dora Site, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 100,000.00
Min Bid Price: 80,000.00

ITEM 67 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,248.00 sqm.
Lot 1043 Dora Site, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 100,000.00
Min Bid Price: 80,000.00

ITEM 68 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 547.00 sqm.
Lot 639 Brgy. Rd. Casambangan, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 55,000.00
Min Bid Price: 44,000.00

ITEM 69 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,009.00 sqm.
Lot 522-A Casagan, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 35,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 70 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 285.00 sqm.
Lot 590-C Brgy. Rd. Tangalan, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Market Value: 29,000.00
Min Bid Price: 23,000.00

ITEM 71 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 17,000.00 sqm.
Lot 1938 Simpuyao, Sta. Teresita, Cagayan
Market Value: 166,000.00
Min Bid Price: 108,000.00

ITEM 72 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 17,000.00 sqm.
Lot 1938 Simpuyao, Sta. Teresita, Cagayan
Market Value: 166,000.00
Min Bid Price: 108,000.00

ITEM 73 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 742.00 sqm.
Lot 2556 Bayon, Sta. Teresita, Cagayan
Market Value: 37,000.00
Min Bid Price: 30,000.00

ITEM 74 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 2,183.00 sqm.
Lot 1690 Natlagan, Solana, Cagayan
Market Value: 76,000.00
Min Bid Price: 53,000.00

ITEM 75 - Industrial Lot W/ Warehouse
Lot Area: 21,152.00 sqm.
Lot 1994, Along National Highway Barro Linga
Market Value: 10,000,000.00
Min Bid Price: 9,000,000.00

ITEM 76 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 4,403.00 sqm.
Lot 1070-B Barro Nagagan, Market Value: 2,500,000.00
Min Bid Price: 2,250,000.00

ITEM 77 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 78,226.00 sqm.
Lot 658 Mambagay, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 317,000.00
Min Bid Price: 269,000.00

ITEM 78 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 6,757.00 sqm.
Lot 995 Palca, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 236,000.00
Min Bid Price: 153,000.00

ITEM 79 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 128.371.00 sqm.
Lot H-16554 Dapagan, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 154,000.00
Min Bid Price: 100,000.00

ITEM 80 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 7,424.00 sqm.
Lot 1009 Palca (Now Angang), Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 132,000.00
Min Bid Price: 99,000.00

ITEM 81 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 5,031.00 sqm.
Lot 1389 Dapagan, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 106,000.00
Min Bid Price: 80,000.00

ITEM 82 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,414.00 sqm.
Lot 1516-D Fugui, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 35,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 83 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,413.00 sqm.
Lot 1518-B Fugui, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 35,000.00
Min Bid Price: 26,000.00

ITEM 84 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,413.00 sqm.
Lot 1518-B Fugui, Tuso, Cagayan
Market Value: 35,000.00
Min Bid Price: 26,000.00

ITEM 85 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 773.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 623.00 sqm.
Lot No. 2460-B Luna St. Extn., Ugap Norte, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan
Market Value: 4,077,000.00
Min Bid Price: 3,262,000.00

ITEM 86 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 2,673.00 sqm.
Lot 1260-D Interior Arelano St. Extn. Ugap Sur, Tuguegarao City
Market Value: 1,299,000.00
Min Bid Price: 844,000.00

ITEM 87 - LOT WITH IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 393.00 sqm.
Floor Area: 128.00 sqm.
Lot No. 1269-B Luna St. Extn., Ugap Sur, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan
Market Value: 750,000.00
Min Bid Price: 570,000.00

ITEM 88 - Residential/Industrial Lot W/ Palay Husk Depositor Room
Warehouse, Eave Portion, Warehouse, Mini Rice Mill And Warehouse
Lot Area: 9,995.00 sqm.
Lots 3522 & 3518 Along Nat'l Rd. Bo Lanes
Market Value: 8,500,000.00
Min Bid Price: 7,235,000.00

ITEM 89 - Residential/Industrial Lot W/ Res/L Warehouse
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 90 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 91 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 92 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 93 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 94 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 95 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 96 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 97 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 98 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 99 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 100 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 101 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 102 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 103 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 104 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 105 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 106 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 107 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 108 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 109 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 110 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 111 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 112 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 113 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 114 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 115 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 116 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 117 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 118 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 119 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 120 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 121 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 122 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 123 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 124 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 125 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 126 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 127 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 128 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 129 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 130 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 131 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 132 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 133 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 134 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 135 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 136 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 137 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 138 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid Price: 28,000.00

ITEM 139 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,600.00 sqm.
Lot 307 Nanungangan, Rizal, Cagayan
Market Value: 34,000.00
Min Bid

G4

ENTERTAINMENT

SHANG CINEPLEX

1 SHREK 3 MTRCB: GP 11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00	3 SPIDER-MAN 3 MTRCB: GP 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
2 SHREK 3 MTRCB: GP 11:40, 1:50, 4:00, 6:10, 8:20	4 WHISPER MTRCB: R-13 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
PREMIERE THEATRE SHREK 3 (GP) 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00	

Movies and schedules are subject to change without prior notice.

Catch the Cineplex Special

"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 3 (AT WORLD'S END)"
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!!!
Showing on May 23, 2007 (Wednesday).
Call 633-2227 for more details

6th floor, Shangri-La Plaza Mall
EDSA corner Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City
Call 633-7851, loc. 171/170 or 633-2227
for more details.

Shangri-La Plaza

GREENHILLS CINEMAS
GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER, ORTIGAS AVENUE, GREENHILLS, SAN ANGELO, BENGALUE

THEATRE-MALL
a landmark entertainment

NOW SHOWING

1 FRACTURE 11:45, 2:25, 5:05 7:45, 10:25	2 WHISPER 11:00, 1:20, 3:40 6:00, 8:20, 10:35 R-13
---	--

PROMENADE
...a destination for all

NOW SHOWING

3 SHREK 3 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 7:30, 9:30 GP	4 SPIDERMAN 3 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20 10:15 GP	5 SHREK 3 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 7:30, 9:30 GP
---	--	---

TICKET PRICES & SCREENING TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. FOR CINEMA MEMBERS, CALL 722-4496.

MUSIC MUSEUM

May 18, 2007	CHRISTIAN BAVISTA	8:00 PM
May 19 & 20, 2007	ODIE ALCASIO & SITI	8:00 PM
June 15 & 16, 2007	Rico J. Puno & Mitch Valdez	8:00 PM

EVERY MONDAY

May 19, 2007	DANCE NIGHT	7:00 PM
May 31, 2007	DAVE ELQUERO in Bossa Breze w/ MYMP	7:30 PM
May 11, 18, 25, 2007	RJ Jimenez	8:30 PM
JUNE 15, 2007	Drag - Ons	8:00 PM
	Champion of the World (Jed Mader)	8:30 PM

FOR INQUIRIES PLS. CALL 722-4532 LOC 118

Reality checks
for stellar wannabes

VIEWFINDER

Nestor
U. Torre

THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD is supposed to specialize in escapism and fantasy—but the fact is that it's a tough, highly competitive and hard-knocks industry that grosses billions of pesos annually. So, its denizens should be acutely realistic about their career prospects for success, or else they'll quickly end up as has-beens—or, more painfully, never-weres!

This being the case, we're surprised that many show biz talents handle their careers so cluelessly and carelessly. No wonder they don't get anywhere—fast!

Some aspirants seem to think that, if they look good, that's all they need to break into show business and go on to enjoy long, prosperous careers. Reality check: There are literally hundreds of similarly lovely or hunky newcomers who present themselves for consideration every year, so good looks may just be good enough for you to be sexually exploited—by the studio's legman or security guard.

Talents without talents

What about talent? Reality check: Most show biz jobs don't really require a lot of that commodity, either.

And, it all depends on the combination: You may be a great singer, but if you look like a doorknob, you'll only get as far as—the door.

Great singer, lovely looks, wonderful personality—ah, now you're talking. But extremely few newcomers are blessed with that rare combination of attributes, so don't bank on it.

What about charisma? Ah, there's the most important component of stardom. Reality check: Not only does it happen along very occasion-

ally, but most show biz people don't really know what it entails! All they're sure of is, when they see it, they can spot it. Or, can they?

The road to our local Betchabiggollywood is paved with the charismatic carcasses of starlets who were thought to be "destined" to become big stars, but couldn't really make the grade.

In any case, charisma entails the so-called X-factor that makes fans want to empathize with a performer and patronize his productions. Basically, that further means that the fan should see something in the star that he can both identify with and admire, because it makes him feel good about his own worth and prospects for the future.

But, as we've pointed out, that kind of star-fan psychic fusion happens very rarely, which explains why we have so few really durable stars—and why fans prove to be all too fickle, and flit from one star to another like frenetic bees sipping the nectar of bittersweet disloyalty.

Staying alive

As for stardom itself, it's become woefully overvalued! Even if you attain it, it isn't yours for keeps. Reality check: Have you noticed how, in the past three or so years, many new talents have top-billed one or two projects—only to disappear from stellar view after the projects they headline fail to excite viewers?

So, becoming a star isn't the most difficult part of the process—staying up there is. Even if your first starrer clicks, you're immediately confronted with another daunting task: To figure out what to do next as your follow-up project, to assure the sustained upward trajectory of your stellar career. One false move and—goodbye, Betchabiggollywood; hello, Mowelfund!

This list of potential horrors isn't intended to scare talents away from show business, just to make sure that if they do decide to try their luck and pluck, they'll plan everything out, set up a strong support (and defense) system, and after they've made it, never rest on their laurels.

Or else, all these lovely leaves could end up—as their career's funeral wreath!

'Songs of Love & Healing'

KRIS Aquino has come out with "Songs of Love & Healing," a celebration of life that's Kris' gift to her fans. The album vivifies the power of music to inspire, comfort and heal. It was launched last May 6 on "ASAP 07" and "The Buzz."

'Sa Ngalan ng Anak'

DULAANG UP's current production is "Sa Ngalan ng Anak," Jerry Respeto's Filipino translation of Arthur Miller's acclaimed play, "All My Sons." Direction and light design are by Amiel Leonardia.

Feedback

FROM Christian R. Bersona of Makati City: "I read in your column the letter of the TV Advocacy Group, and I am interested in joining it. We need more watchdog groups to make TV practitioners realize that viewers can't be taken for granted. How can I join?"

NUT: If memory serves, the group was formed during a TV workshop-conference

REALITY/G2

ANIMATION
Secrets revealed

Learn everything about traditional and CG Animation!

iAcademy announces the offering of this one-of-a-kind Animation program starting schoolyear 2007-2008

The program is spearheaded by Mr. Hans Bacher, former production-designer for Walt Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, the Lion King and Mulan

Call iAcademy at 891.3727 or 891.3865

iAcademy campus: 3/F PhilsFirst bldg. 6764 Ayala ave. Makati City

website: www.iacademy.ph
e-mail: inquire@iacademy.ph

iACADEMY



SMART
Buddy
Ang Saya!



SPIDER-MAN 3

NOW SHOWING
www.sonypictures.com.ph

RELIVE THE ACTION
OF SPIDER-MAN 3,
WITH YOUR SMART BUDDY
3G CELLPHONE!

Can't get enough of SPIDER-MAN 3?
Then download exclusive SPIDER-MAN 3
video clips that you can stream
anytime you want and get a chance to win
P500,000 in cash or a Toyota Vios!
Download now!

Text SPIDER3G to 239

to download SPIDER-MAN 3 movie clips

MOVIE CLIPS



Download other SPIDER-MAN 3 contents
for better chances of winning!
Logos • Picture Messages • MMS Wallpapers
• Animated Screensavers • True Tones • Java Games

Rates: P15/logo, picture message, MMS wallpaper, animated screensaver,
P30/movie clip, truetone; P50/java game.

TO ACTIVATE YOUR 3G HANDSET:
Key in SET 3G <handset model> to 211. Ex. SET 3G N70

Promo until June 30, 2007
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1448. Series of 2007.

To watch the SPIDER-MAN 3 movie trailer,
download the Java game, MP3 tones and more, go to
<http://wap.smart.com.ph/spiderman/>

Information
Gateway

SMART
TAYO

© 2007 Marvel Characters, Inc. © 2007 CPM. All Rights Reserved.

ENTERTAINMENT

Text us your feedback:
inquirer ent name/age/city/message
to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Finally... They're All Coming... LIVE! JULY 18 - 22, 2007
ALIW THEATER (CCP COMPLEX)

HURRY!!! GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

SESAME STREET LIVE
A VEE CORPORATION PRODUCTION

Coloring Book

FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME LIVE! - Join the World's Best Loved Characters: Big Bird, Elmo, Zoe, Cookie Monster, Bert, Ernie, Grover, Oscar, Count and Many More!!!

CALL 911-5555 CALL 374-2222

Norah Jones, reluctant actress

CANNES, FRANCE—OUR FEET ARE SORE from walking. We swear we've never walked this much since our high school days in Calasiao, Pangasinan, when we would walk to and from school.

But we are in Cannes for the first time so we are excited like never before. On our arrival here, seeing the red carpet being rolled out in front of the Palais quickened our pulse and inspired us to keep walking to our destination.

Earlier, on our stopover at London's Heathrow airport (which involved a lot of walking, too), we bumped into our first PC (Filipino connection) in our Cannes journey—Fil-Am Fritz Friedman, top exec at Sony Pictures Home Entertainment division. Fritz, prime mover behind the Filipino American Library in LA, turned out to be on the same flight en route to Cannes to push Sony videos.

Our first film screening was, fittingly, "My Blueberry Nights," the opening film of this 60th edition of the Cannes Film Festival. The romance drama is also the first English language film of acclaimed director Wong Kar Wai; the first time that the fest opened with a film by a Chinese filmmaker; and the first time that singer Norah Jones is being seen as an actress.

And what do we think of the Grammy winner's foray into acting? She is a natural in front of the cameras. Her simple charm and grace, which fueled her albums' success, are also what make her an appealing and engaging actress. Her full Angelina Jolie lips enhance her onscreen attractiveness.

Erotic moments

As to be expected from a Wong Kar Wai film, there are images of lyrical beauty—Jude Law kissing a sleeping Norah is one of the most subtly erotic and beautiful moments in recent cinema. Natalie Portman is memorable in the Las Vegas vignette of the film which tells how Norah's character deals with heartbreak.

After the screening, we joined the mad rush to our first Cannes press conference. A visibly nervous Norah Jones made her entrance before a packed press conference and joined Jude Law and Wong Kar Wai, always looking cool in his sunglasses. Norah eventually looked relaxed as the press con, moderated by Henri Behar, progressed.

Wong revealed that he finished the film just two days before the festival opening. So Norah and Jude had not seen the film at the time of the press con. They finally got to see "My Blueberry Nights" later in the evening, after they did the whole red carpet action.

The acclaimed director said he simply wanted Norah Jones for his first English feature, period.

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

So the film is custom-made for the singer. A flushed Norah admitted that she had not planned on becoming an actress... until Wong asked, "Do you want to be in a movie?" During a rare break in her busy musical career, Norah got to watch her first Wong Kar Wai movie, "In the Mood for Love." She was impressed.

So during a lull in her concert tours, Norah finally said yes to Wong. She made it clear that she did not want to sing in her first film. She told us that she had gulped—she showed us how—when she saw the list of actors she would be acting with: Jude, Rachel Weisz, David Strathairn and Natalie. Laughing, she recounted how, out of nervousness, she spoke in a high-pitched voice in her initial scenes.

Wong said that, eventually, his "discovery" relaxed. Norah loosened up with the media, too, as



"MY BLUEBERRY Nights" director Wong Kar Wai with singer-turned-actress Norah Jones and actor Jude Law
JANET SUSAN R. NEPALES

she talked about how Wong was most excited when it was time to film her sleeping kissing scene. Jude, who plays a café owner who listens to Norah's heartbreak woes, kept a professional spin on this brief yet sure-to-be-memorable moment.

NORAH/H2

JB.MUSIC
www.jbmusic.com.ph

Summer SALE
PROMO ENDS JUNE 1, 2007

Visit our showrooms for more promo items to choose from!!!

- SM MALL OF ASIA 556-0301 • SM MEGAMALL 635-5691 / 635-5692 • SM NORTHMALL 925-4010 / 453-9503
- SM FAIRVIEW 935-4467 / 418-0195 • SM SOUTHMALL 806-6725 / 806-6754 • SM VALENZUELA 291-0348 / 292-4221
- SM PAMPANGA (045) 963-5236 • SM CEBU (032) 232-1432 • SM DAVAO (082) 297-8266
- HARRISON PLAZA 526-3733 / 523-7041 • PARKSQUARE 1 815-3949 / 815-3855
- ATC, ALABANG 809-1726 / 842-9545 • SALONGA, CUBAO 911-2307 / 911-2367 • TRINOMA 916-6305

MEGA FEST
MAY 2007
FEATURING PROMINENT EUROPEAN GUITAR VIRTUOSO
CHRISTOPHE GODIN
with special appearances of our JB MUSIC CELEBRITY ENDORSERS

PER DTI-NCR PERMIT NO 1428 SERIES OF 2007

BIG BUCKS FOR LIFE

WHO SAYS ART IS A STARVING CAREER?
Today, Art is an extremely lucrative career.

Ask the digital artists who are now earning big bucks abroad. From DC to Marvel Comics, from Toy Story to Finding Nemo. From Pixar to Walt Disney, from Warner Bros. to Universal Studios, Filipino Digital Artists are the main creative engines that make these enterprises run.

YOU TOO, COULD BE A DIGITAL ARTIST IN 7 MONTHS OR LESS.
So if you appreciate art, no matter what you do in life, or how old you are, you could be earning big money in 7 months!

The First Academy of Computer Arts is the first and only institute to offer comprehensive Computer Arts Certificate programs. We designed lessons for the new generation of multimedia artists, animators and aficionados who intend to make big bucks out of these skills.

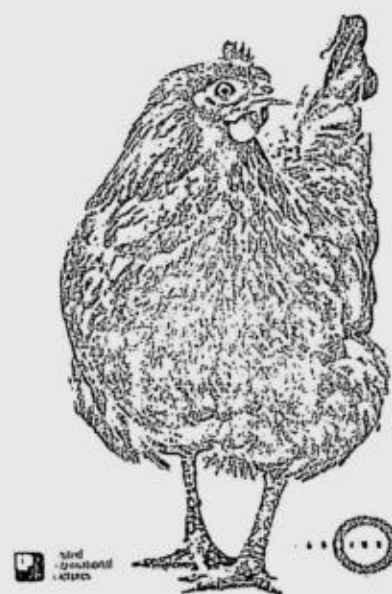
Choose from any of our courses:
(Windows and Macintosh platforms)

- Digital Arts • Digital Scrapbook
- 3D Animation • Digital Photography
- Web Design • Manga Illustration
- Digital Comics • Junior Digital Arts
- Digital Album • Print Media Arts
- Amateur Digital Filmmaking

CALL or SEE US NOW!
FIRST ACADEMY OF COMPUTER ARTS
2F Saville Bldg., 8728 Paseo de Roxas
cor. Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City
898-2724 to 26
897-5502

CALL for a FREE 3-hour WORKSHOP

www.firstacademy.net



One of these two has a brain
the size of a peanut.

ROWAN ATKINSON

MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY

UNIVERSAL PICTURES PRESENTS A STUDIO CAVIL & WORKING TITLE PRODUCTION A TIGER ASPECT PICTURES FILM ROWAN ATKINSON "MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY"
EMMA DE CAUNES & VILLEN DAFCE • HOWARD GOODALL • PIERRE-YVES GAUDARD • TONY CRANSTON • MICHAEL CARLIN • BAZ RYAN • CAROLINE HENITT
DEBRA HAYWARD • LIZA CHISH • RICHARD CURTIS • SIMON MC BURNEY • PETER BENNETT-JONES • TUI BEVAN • ERIC FELLNER • ROWAN ATKINSON • RICHARD CURTIS
SIMON MC BURNEY • HAUSH MCCOLL • ROBIN DRISCOLL • STEVE BEDELACK

IN THEATERS MAY 30



SUN
CELLULAR
PREPAID



PINAKAMURANG

24/7 CALL & TEXT UNLIMITED

P25 ONLY

24/7
CALL & TEXT
UNLIMITED
Valid for 1 day
Sun-to-Sun calls & texts

Text All You Want.
Call All You Want.

Available Via



Pwedeng i-convert ang iyong P25 Regular Load to 24/7 Call & Text Unlimited 1 Day:
Via SMS: I-text lang ang GTU<space>1 at ipadala sa 247, o kaya via THE MALL: I-access ang The Mall sa SIM at sundin ang path na Ito-The Mall-Mail Assistant>My Account>Prepaid>Buy GTU>GTU1
Note: Siguraduhing may P25 Regular Load ang iyong account para maka-convert to 24/7 Call & Text Unlimited 1 Day.
*Lowest single cash outlay

ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007

Norah Jones, reluctant actress

From page H1

ment in modern cinema: "The scene is a huge turning point for our characters. It's a moment that will change them forever."

The whole time the stars took

questions from the journalists, Harvey Weinstein, whose Weinstein Company is releasing the film in the US, sat on the right side of the stage, by the exit door, watching with rapt

attention as if this was his first film. After the press con, we walked to various destinations along the Croisette. Cannes' fabled side attraction, topless women sunning them-

selves on the beach, were distracting a few men. An elderly man with his wife beside him was in danger of falling off a bench as he tried to shoot photos of one such half-clad woman.

In late afternoon, we squeezed into our sked a cocktail party at the beach front restaurant of one of Cannes' prime hotels, the Majestic. We were among the first to arrive so we had the whole place to ourselves for a few minutes. It was a rare sight—an almost deserted beach in a place crawling with people and huge tacky billboards touting this and that new movie. We could actually hear the waves rolling out to sea and back to shore. We took a deep breath and savored the moment.

In the evening, at 11:30, we boarded a bus that took us to the gala party for "My Blueberry Nights." Held at a huge, multi-use space, the bash kept the film's American landscape theme by serving hamburgers and deli fare. Wong still had his trademark sunglasses on. The party was to last till 5 a.m. but there was no way we could stay up any longer. We split after an hour, rode the shuttle and walked, one more time for this day, to our apartment.

E-mail the columnist at rvnepales_5585@yahoo.com and read his blog, "The Nepales Report," on www.inquirerbloggers.net/nepalesreport.

The Long Wait Is Over!

Regine Velasquez and Piolo Pascual

WILL IGNITE THE SCREEN IN THE MOST ROMANTIC EVENT OF 2007!



EASTWOOD CINEMAS

TO receive Eastwood City Events, Promos and Cinema schedule just text eastwood and send to 2948 for Globe, Smart & Sun Cellular subscribers

For inquiries, call: **687-6963**
GUARANTEED SEATS
MOVIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

1	SPIDER-MAN 3 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 11:00 G
2	SHREK 3 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50 G
3	SHREK 3 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20 G
4	SHREK 3 12:00, 2:20, 4:40 G
	FRACTURE 8:00, 10:40 PG 13

MPAA R-13 STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND UP.

2ND WEEK

**NO RULES
NO MERCY
NO SURRENDER
FIGHT TO THE DEATH**

FROM THE PRODUCERS OF "THE MARINE"

WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT (WWE) PRESENTS

**STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN
THE CONDEMNED**

glorietta		GREENBELT		ALABANG TOWN CENTER		AYALA CENTER CEBU		MARKET! MARKET!		Ayala Malls	
AT THE CINEMAS											
Reserve your tickets by texting SURESEATS G03 or SURESEATS G4 to 2333 (Globe) or 211 (Smart) or log on to www.sureseats.com for web reservations. Movie schedules may change without prior notice. For verification, please call 729 7777											
G1	GLORIETTA 1	1	28 WEEKS LATER	2	SHREK 3	3	WHISPER	4	SPIDER-MAN 3		
G4	GLORIETTA 4	1	SPIDER-MAN 3	2	FRACTURE	3	SHREK 3	4	WHISPER		
GB1	GREENBELT 1	1	SPIDER-MAN 3	2	SHREK 3						
GB3	GREENBELT 3	1	SHREK 3	2	SPIDER-MAN 3						
ATC	ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1	SHREK 3	2	SPIDER-MAN 3						
ACC	AYALA CENTER CEBU	1	SPIDER-MAN 3	2	WHISPER	3	TURISTAS	4	GRAY MATTERS		
M2	MARKET! MARKET!	1	SHREK 3	2	FRACTURE						
		3	WHISPER	4	SHREK 3	5	SPIDER-MAN 3				

At the Activity Center

Customer Service text hotline: 0917 6095900
Customer Service Numbers: Glorietta - 752 7272; from 10am to 9pm
Greenbelt - 757 4853; from 11am to 9pm

Alabang Town Center - 842 2782; from 10am to 8pm
Ayala Center Cebu - (032) 231 5342 loc 324
Market! Market! - 886 7519

GLORIETTA

Anson's Exhibit
May 15 to 31, 2007

AYALA CENTER CEBU

Toastmasters Info Booth at Paseos
May 18 to 20, 2007

ALABANG TOWN CENTER

Strawberry Shortcake & Friends:
The Big Berry Bake Off
May 18 to 20, 2007

MARKET! MARKET!

Plyestang Pinoy: Celebrity Recipes
Anniversary Party
May 16, 2007

GREENBELT

Greenbelt 2 Dinner Theatre presents: Broadway Showstoppers
May 15 & 22, 2007

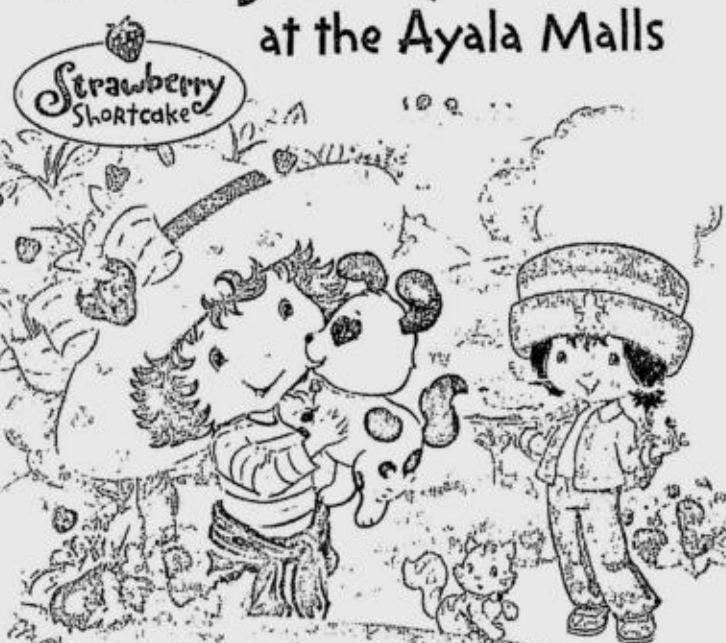
ONSTAGE

ONSTAGE - The perfect spot for concerts, stage plays & corporate events is now accepting bookings for May to July 2007.
For bookings, pls. call 752-7862 or 757-3861

Ayala MUSEUM

CHINESE DIASPORA: Art Streams from the Mainland (six shows)
Ongoing until May 27, 2007
For more info, pls. call 757-7117 to 21 loc. 14 or email museum_inquiry@ayalamuseum.org

Strawberry Shortcake and Friends The Big Berry Bake Off at the Ayala Malls



Alabang Town Center
Activity Center
May 18-20
11am, 3pm & 6pm

TriNoma
Activity Center
May 25-27
11am, 3pm & 6pm

Ayala Center Cebu
On Stage (Cinema 1)
June 1-3
1pm, 4pm & 6:30pm

www.ayalamalls.com.ph

AYALA CINEMAS

LIVE VIA SATELLITE
NO COMMERCIAL BREAKS • LARGER THAN LIFE

JUDGMENT DAY

On the day of judgment only the greatest wrestler will be left standing...

GLORIETTA 4 CINEMA 2
Premiere Screening: May 21, 2007 Monday - 7:00 PM

Admission Price: P300
*P50.00 OFF for students

Matches:

WWE Champion JOHN CENA vs. The Great KHALU
World Heavyweight Champion EDGE vs. BATISTA
ECW World Champion MR. MCMAHON vs. SHANE MCMAHON
& EMACE vs. BOBBY LASHLEY (3-on-1 Handicap Rematch)
US Champion CHRIS BENNET vs. MVP (2-Out-of-3 Falls Match)
ELLIAM BURKE vs. CM PUNK

SOLAR ALL ACCESS

ROUNDUP

"Dokyu" tilt

ABC 5 INVITES colleges and universities to send entries to "Dokyu's" search for the Best Student Documentary.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the ABC website and the "Dokyu" egroup.

Accomplished forms together with two copies (DVD, VCD, DV) of the documentary shall be submitted to the "Dokyu" office, ABC News & Public Affairs, ABC Studios, 762 Quirino Highway, Novaliches, Quezon City.

Entries for the first season will be accepted until May 31.

For inquiries, call 0922-9936814.

'On The Lot'

"On The Lot," to be shown on Star Movies this month, gives aspiring filmmakers the opportunity to win a \$1-million development deal from DreamWorks Pictures, one of the major film studios in the US.

Each week, contestants will produce short films from a chosen genre.

A total of 12,000 video submissions were received worldwide by filmmaker Steven Spielberg and producer Mark Burnett, who will mentor the aspirants.

An one-hour audition episode of the program will be aired on May 23 at 9 p.m.

Video sale

CD Heatwave, an audio and video sale, goes on its third weekend at 1487 Quezon Avenue (Smart Wireless Center on the ground floor) today.

New titles will be added this week and more CDs at P20 each will be available.

CD Heatwave opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 7 p.m.

'Avenue Q'

Atlantis Productions' staging of the hit Broadway musical



RACHEL ALEJANDRO

cal "Avenue Q" will star pop singer Rachel Alejandro as Kate Monster and Lucy The Slut, singer-actress Aiza Seguerra as Gary Coleman and "Star in a Million" champion Frenchy Dy as Christmas Eve.

The musical will be directed by Bobby Garcia and Chari Aréspacochoaga.

It opens Aug. 17 at the Meralco Theater. Call 892-7078.

Superheroes

To premiere on Jack TV is a one-hour reality series, "Who Wants To Be A Superhero," on Wednesdays starting May 23 at 8 p.m.

The reality series challenges contestants to create their very own superhero.

Eleven hopefuls will search for the next superhero to be developed by comic book icon Stan Lee.

SHARE A MOVIE WITH A LOVED ONE. BIG MOVIES • BIG STARS • BIG SHOWS • BIG EVENTS

SPORTSTIME

Witness WWE's Judgment Day at these SM Cinemas:

Cebu, Clark, Davao, Fairview, Mall of Asia, Manila, Megamall, North EDSA, Pampanga, San Lazaro, Southmall, Sta. Mesa

Premiere Screening:
May 21 (Monday) • 7:00 p.m.

Admission Prices: P 300 (Metro Manila) • P 200 (Cebu, Clark, Pampanga) • P 150 (Davao)
*With P 50 OFF for students

METRO MANILA		
SM MALL OF ASIA 556-0242 IMAX SPIDER-MAN 3 10:30AM 1:30PM 4:30PM 7:30PM 10:30PM Admission Prices: P 300 (Before 5 p.m., Mon-Thu) P 350 (After 5 p.m., Mon-Thu; Whole Day, Fri-Sun, Holidays)	SM MEGACINEMA 633-1901 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 WHISPER 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 SHREK 3 5 28 WEEKS LATER 6 FRACTURE 7 LUCKY YOU 8 SPIDER-MAN 3 9 SHREK 3 10 SHREK 3 11 SPIDER-MAN 3 12 THE SHOOTER	SM SOUTHMALL 806-6888 1 SHREK 3 2 FRACTURE 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 SHREK 3 5 SPIDER-MAN 3 6 28 WEEKS LATER 7 CONDEMNED 8 WHISPER 9 ANG CUTE NG INA MO 10 SPIDER-MAN 3 11 SPIDER-MAN 3 12 SPIDER-MAN 3
SM CITY FAIRVIEW 935-0749 1 FRACTURE 2 28 WEEKS LATER 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 SPIDER-MAN 3 5 SHREK 3 6 CONDEMNED 7 SHREK 3 8 WHISPER 9 SPIDER-MAN 3 10 SPIDER-MAN 3 11 ANG CUTE NG INA MO 12 LUCKY YOU	SM CITY STA. MESA 716-1416 1 FRACTURE 2 SHREK 3 3 SHREK 3 4 SPIDER-MAN 3 5 ANG CUTE NG INA MO 6 28 WEEKS LATER 7 LUCKY YOU 8 WHISPER 9 CONDEMNED 10 SPIDER-MAN 3 11 SPIDER-MAN 3 12 FRACTURE	SM CITY DASMARINAS (045) 4322201-04 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 WHISPER 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 28 WEEKS LATER 5 SHREK 3 6 WHISPER 7 SPIDER-MAN 3 8 SPIDER-MAN 3 9 SPIDER-MAN 3 10 CONDEMNED 11 28 WEEKS LATER 12 LUCKY YOU
SM NORTH EDSA 929-5452 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 WHISPER 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 SPIDER-MAN 3 / SHREK 3 5 FRACTURE 6 SPIDER-MAN 3 / SHREK 3 7 SPIDER-MAN 3 8 SPIDER-MAN 3 9 28 WEEKS LATER 10 CONDEMNED 11 SPIDER-MAN 3 12 SPIDER-MAN 3	SM CITY SAN LAZARO 786-2488 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 / SHREK 3 2 SPIDER-MAN 3 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 CONDEMNED 5 WHISPER 6 FRACTURE	SM CITY SUCAT 829-4975 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 / SHREK 3 2 SPIDER-MAN 3 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 WHISPER

Everyone is invited to visit **SHREK 3** CAMP FAR, FAR AWAY TODAY

at SM Megamall Bldg. A Event Center

Join Shrek, Fiona and the whole gang in fun activities such as hop ball, corn and tattoo patrol, FREE loot bags, bookmarks and now decals, plus buy your "Shrek 3" movie tickets!

NOW SHOWING

A THRU RELEASE
THROUGH S&B Entertainment Corporation
MTRCB Rating: G (All Ages Admitted)

LUZON		
SM CITY BACOR (046) 417-3868 1 CONDEMNED 2 WHISPER 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 FRACTURE 5 SHREK 3 6 SPIDER-MAN 3 7 SHREK 3 8 28 WEEKS LATER	SM CITY BATANGAS 885-6401-04 1 PERFECT STRANGER 2 SPIDER-MAN 3 3 THE REAPING 4 SHREK 3 5 SPIDER-MAN 3 6 PAN'S LABYRINTH 7 FIREHOUSE DOG 8 PERFECT STRANGER 9 WHISPER 10 SHREK 3 11 SPIDER-MAN 3 12 THE REAPING	SM CITY LUCENA (042) 7108977-80 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 SUNSHINE 3 THE LAST MIMZY 4 SHREK 3 5 SPIDER-MAN 3 6 WHISPER 7 SUNSHINE 8 SPIDER-MAN 3 9 SPIDER-MAN 3 10 CONDEMNED 11 SPIDER-MAN 3 12 WHISPER
SM CITY CLARK (045) 625-5844-45 1 THE SHOOTER 2 SHREK 3 3 PERFECT STRANGER 4 WHISPER 5 SPIDER-MAN 3 6 FIREHOUSE DOG 7 SPIDER-MAN 3 8 SHREK 3 9 SPIDER-MAN 3 10 SPIDER-MAN 3 11 WHISPER	SM CITY PAMPANGA (045) 9537881-85 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 PAN'S LABYRINTH 3 FIREHOUSE DOG 4 PERFECT STRANGER 5 WHISPER 6 SHREK 3 7 SPIDER-MAN 3 8 THE REAPING 9 SHREK 3 10 SPIDER-MAN 3 11 THE SHOOTER	SM CITY STA. ROSA (049) 6349811 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 WHISPER 3 SHREK 3 4 SPIDER-MAN 3 5 SHREK 3 6 SPIDER-MAN 3
SM CITY DAVAO (082) 2976998 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 PERFECT STRANGER 3 SPIDER-MAN 3 4 ROCKY BALBOA 5 WHISPER 6 SHREK 3	SM CITY ILOILO (033) 3209422 1 TURISTAS 2 SHREK 3 3 SHREK 3 4 SPIDER-MAN 3 5 SPIDER-MAN 3 6 THE REAPING 7 PAN'S LABYRINTH 8 PERFECT STRANGER	SM CITY CEBU (032) 231-3876 1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 SHREK 3 3 SHREK 3 4 WHISPER 5 TURISTAS 6 PREMONITION 7 SPIDER-MAN 3 8 SPIDER-MAN 3 9 SPIDER-MAN 3 10 SHREK 3 11 THE SHOOTER 12 PERFECT STRANGER

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMAS MOVIE GUIDE

CINEMA ACCESS
635-5555
FOR ALL BRANCHES

www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

MOVIES/SCHEDULES/PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

GALLERIA

1 SPIDER-MAN 3 • THX 1:15 4:05 6:55 9:45	6 FRACTURE 12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00
2 SPIDER-MAN 3 10:40 1:30 4:20 7:10 10:00	7 LUCKY YOU 12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00
3 WHISPER 12:20 2:45 5:10 7:35 10:00	8 indieSine: SANDALANG BAHAY 1:10 3:00 4:50 6:40 8:30
4 SHREK 3 2:50 5:00 7:10 9:20	9 28 WEEKS LATER 1:10 3:20 5:30 7:40 9:50
5 SHREK 3 3:20 5:30 7:40 9:50	10 THE CONDEMNED 12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00

NOW SHOWING!!!

Cinema One Originals presents

SANDALANG BAHAY

MARK GARY'S

SANDALANG BAHAY

Albert Martinez Ronnie Lazaro
Nonie Buencamino

Witness the dramatic & sometimes humorous life and times of a Pinoy family. The film deals with facing one's past and owning up to the truth that resides in the bleakest corner of the soul. This is seen in the intertwining lives of the three Sandalang sisters.

Don't fail to watch this cinematic masterpiece!

May 16 to 22!

Exclusive @ IndieSine, Robinsons Galleria!

ERMITA Ticket Price: P110 / P120 536-7809 to 12

1 SHREK 3 10:20 12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00	5 SPIDER-MAN 3 11:00 1:45 4:30 7:15 10:00
2 LUCKY YOU 12:30 2:50 5:10 THE CONDEMNED 7:25 10:00	6 SHREK 3 12:05 2:25 4:45 7:05 9:25
3 WHISPER 10:30 12:50 3:10 5:30 7:50 10:00	7 FRACTURE 10:10 12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 10:00

METRO EAST

1 WHISPER 12:50 2:50 4:50 6:50 9:00	5 FRACTURE 1:05 3:45 6:25 9:05
2 SHREK 3 1:00 3:30 6:00 8:30	6 THE CONDEMNED 11:20 1:45 4:15 6:45 9:10
3 SHREK 3 11:00 1:30 4:00 6:30 9:00	7 SPIDER-MAN 3 11:00 1:35 4:10 6:45 9:20
4 28 WEEKS LATER 12:05 2:15 4:25 6:40 9:00	8 LUCKY YOU 12:45 3:30 6:15 9:00

NOVALICHES

1 SHREK 3 2 SHREK 3 3 WHISPER	4 THE CONDEMNED 5 SPIDER-MAN 3 6 SPIDER-MAN 3
--	--

PIONEER

1 SHREK 3 2:00 4:10 6:20 8:30 2 SPIDER-MAN 3 12:50 3:30 6:10 8:50	3 FRACTURE 12:50 3:20 5:50 8:20 4 WHISPER 1:10 3:35 6:00 8:25
--	--

STA. ROSA

1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 GRAY MATTERS 3 PERFECT STRANGER 4 WHISPER 5 SHREK 3	1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 SHREK 3 PERFECT STRANGER 4 SHOOTER 5 THE REAPING
---	--

DASMARINAS

1 GRAY MATTERS 2 SHREK 3 3 PERFECT STRANGER 4 SPIDER-MAN 3 5 WHISPER	1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 SHREK 2 3 WHISPER 4 FIREHOUSE DOG
---	---

IMUS

1 PREMONITION 2 SPIDER-MAN 3 3 28 WEEKS LATER 4 SHREK 3 5 PERFECT STRANGER 6 WHISPER	1 FIREHOUSE DOG 2 SPIDER-MAN 3 3 SHREK 3 4 WHISPER 5 PAN'S LABYRINTH 6 PERFECT STRANGER
---	--

BACOLOD

1 SHREK 3 2 SPIDER-MAN 3 3 RESERVE 4 PERFECT STRANGER 5 GRAY MATTERS 6 TURISTAS	1 SPIDER-MAN 3 2 SHREK 3 3 TURISTAS 4 PAN'S LABYRINTH 5 THE REAPING 6 PERFECT STRANGER
--	---

MEET THE FUTURE OF FAMILY

MEET THE ROBINSONS

IN ROBINSONS CINEMAS JUNE 06

Shop at any participating Robinsons Stores and get FREE "MEET THE ROBINSONS" Buy 1 Take 1 movie coupons

FACT: 5000 DEAD WOMEN, 1,700 MORE MISSING.

The killings began in 1993.

The victims, all poor women, were **raped, strangled and mutilated.**

They were a particular type — young and slender, with brown skin and long brown hair.

These **mysterious and brutal deaths** took place in Juárez, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, and they have **continued for 13 years, with no end in sight.**

With a **body count** now **estimated** at some **5000**, and **1,700 more missing**, these mysterious killings have been called the **Maquiladora Murders.**

As bodies continue to turn up, so have a host of **theories.** Perhaps victims of **dark satanic rituals, organ harvesters, femicide or misogyny???**

JENNIFER LOPEZ ANTONIO BANDERAS

BORDERTOWN

BASED ON TRUE EVENTS.

OPENS
MAY 30

MTRCB Rating **G** All Ages Admitted



OPENS WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
Distributed by Buena Vista International thru Columbia Pictures

ENTERTAINMENT

Manila-bound: Aguilera, Association

SUNDAY,
MAY 20, 2007



SHOW
TIME

CHRISTINA
AGUILERA

GLOBE AND MTV Philippines will bring to Manila American pop singer-songwriter Christina Aguilera's successful "Back to Basics Tour," a concert tour to support her third full-length English studio album "Back to Basics." "Back to Basics, Live in Taguig" will go onstage at the Fort Bonifacio Open Field on July 6. Special discounts will be given to Globe subscribers. Call 891-9999.

Chad & Jeremy with The Association

Chad & Jeremy and The Association will come to Manila for a back-to-back concert on June 15 at the Araneta Coliseum.

The '60s pop acts will perform some of the greatest hits of the era in "Chad & Jeremy and The Association Together."

They will also be at the Cebu Waterfront Hotel, Cebu City on June 16 and at St. La Salle Coliseum, Bacolod City on June 17. Call 911-5555.

Skechers store opening

Singing sensations Rachel Ann Go, Christian Bautista and MYMP are set to perform in the grand opening of the Skechers flagship store at TriNoma Mall at the North Edsa Intersection in Quezon City today at 5 p.m.

The Company

The Company will stage a concert series titled "Destination: Bossa Live!" at the Captain's Bar of the Mandarin Oriental on June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6 and 20 at 9 p.m. Call 891-5610, 891-9999 or 750-8888.

Sitti

Bossa nova artist Sitti will sing at the Mandarin Oriental on May 25 in a show titled "Sitti: Back To Bossa," with special guests Marissa Sanchez and "Philippine Idol" finalist Gian Magdangal.

On May 26, she will join Ogie Alcasid in "Ogie In The Sitti" at the Music Museum.

Call 891-9999 or 721-6726.

The Dawn

The rock band The Dawn will perform live at Gerry's Grill, Blue Wave Mall on Macapagal Highway in Pasay City on May 30 and at Blue Wave Marikina on Sumulong Highway on June 2.

SITTI

NOW SHOWING

MTRCB RATING **PG-13** ADVISORY: Thematic content involving murder of a wife in adulterous relationship and the visual content of the murder may not be suitable for minors below 13. **STRICT PARENTAL SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED.**

AMERICA'S MOST TALKED-ABOUT MOVIE!

HOW DO YOU CONVICT A MAN WHO HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVEN INNOCENT?

ANTHONY HOPKINS RYAN GOSLING

I SHOT MY WIFE. PROVE IT.

FRACTURE

ILIBING ANG MADILIM NA KATOTOHANAN

robin padilla iza calzado

Blackout

ANG THRILLER NA HINANGAAN SA IBANG BANSA

OFFICIAL SELECTION
San Francisco Asian American International Film Festival 2007
Indianapolis International Film Festival - World Cinema Competition 2007
30th Asian American International Film Festival, New York 2007
Asian Film Festival of Dallas 2007
31st Göteborg Film Festival, Sweden

A FILM BY ATO BAUTISTA A UNICO ENTERTAINMENT RELEASE

OPENS JUNE 13 EXCLUSIVELY AT **SMD**

MTRCB RATING **G** FOR GENERAL AUDIENCE

THE LONG WAIT IS OVER

DREAMWORKS SHREK 3

shrek.com

United International Pictures release through Solar Entertainment Corporation

NOW SHOWING

INQUIRER SUNDAY NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

The Widest Reaching Classifieds

RATES
P245 per column centimeter
P75 per line
(All prices exclusive of P.V.A.T.)

DEADLINES
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Mondays to Saturdays
12:00 noon
Day before publication

DEADLINES
Sundays
12:00 noon
every Thursday

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph
Main Office: Pasong Tamo, Makati City
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978008 (Toll-free) ☎ 8974808
G/F Arrium Bldg., Makati Ave., Makati City
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
St. Anthony's Bldg., Aurora Blvd., Quezon City
☎ 9129008-11 ☎ 9129011
5th Megamall, Mandaluyong City
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
G/F Trinity Bldg., 636 T.M. Kalaw St., Manila
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
Alibang, Muntinlupa City
☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007

SECTION 1. INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID



Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
5/F DENR Main Building, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City
Telefax Nos. +632 926 6449; 926 5233

AMENDED INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID Republic of the Philippines Construction and Development of Napindan Ferry Station

The PRRC, through the Peso Counterpart Fund of the Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR) under the General Appropriation Act of 2007 (GAA) R.A. 949 intends to apply the sum of Twenty Five Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine and 90/100 (Php25,095,219.90) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the Contract for the Construction and Development of Napindan Ferry Station (PRFS-FS-01) in Brgy. Napindan, Taguig City. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The PRRC now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the following contract package:

Contract Package	Construction and Development of Napindan Ferry Station in Brgy. Napindan, Taguig City
Contract No.	PRFS-FS-01
Location	Barangay Napindan, Taguig City
Contract Duration	150 Calendar Days
Project Description	Construction and Development of Ferry Station, which include the following items of work: Site Development Works, Earthworks, Civil Works, Steel Works, Roofing Works, Ceiling Works, Architectural Works, Sanitary / Plumbing Works, Electrical Works, Pontoon Works and Geotechnical Survey.

The PRRC now calls for the submission of Letters of Intent (LOIs) from potential Bidders to apply for eligibility for the Construction and Development of Napindan Ferry Station. Bidders should possess a valid PCAB license applicable to the above type and cost of the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the Eligibility Documents. Interested Bidders must submit their LOIs on or before June 1, 2007 at PRRC Office and secure the Eligibility Documents therefrom.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, a contract will only be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from PRRC and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.:

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
Deputy Executive Director, Atty. Zolio L. Andin, Jr.
5F DENR Main Building, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City

The schedule of Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission - Inter-Agency Bid and Award Committee (PRRC-IABAC) procurement activities is as follows:

Activity	Date	Time	Venue
Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (b) submission of Letter of Intent and purchase of complete set of Bid Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 15,000.00	From May 28 to June 1, 2007	From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	PRRC, 5F DENR Main Building, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City
Securing of additional eligibility information (if any) and inspection of Bidding Documents	From May 28 to June 1, 2007	From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for Submission of LOI is on June 1, 2007 at 3:00 P.M.
Site Inspection	June 4, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Brgy. Napindan, Taguig City
Pre-Bid Conference	June 4, 2007	2:00 p.m.	PRRC Conference Room, 5F DENR Main Building, Visayas Ave., Quezon City
Deadline for submission of Bids	June 18, 2007	10:00 a.m.	PRRC Conference Room, 5F DENR Main Building, Visayas Ave., Quezon City
Opening of Bids	June 18, 2007	10:30 a.m.	PRRC Conference Room, 5F DENR Main Building, Visayas Ave., Quezon City

The method of payment will be by Progress Billing. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form and amount stated in the Bid data Sheet (BDS) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and the City of Taguig shall be the implementing agencies of the Project.

The PRRC-IABAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
Deputy Executive Director, Atty. Zolio L. Andin, Jr.
5F DENR Main Bldg, Visayas Ave., Quezon City
Tel No. (632) 926-6449
Fax. (632) 926-5233 / 926-6449

(Sgd.) Atty. Zolio L. Andin, Jr.
BAC Chairperson

(PDI - May 20, 2007)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



Notice is hereby given that Tanaka Sangyo, Co., Ltd. (Japan) is the manufacturer and trademark owner of medical devices using the brand ALP K2. It has come to the attention of Tanaka Sangyo, Co., Ltd. of Japan that a number of business entities in the Philippines are continuously selling counterfeit medical devices, particularly stethoscopes and sphygmomanometer bearing the mark ALP K2. This activity of passing off substandard medical devices as genuine ALP K2 is trademark infringement and unfair competition, punishable under the IP code of the Philippines.

Previously, the National Bureau of Investigations has raided several establishments where counterfeit ALP K2 medical devices were seized. Criminal charges were filed against these shop owners. Tanaka Sangyo, Co., Ltd. shall not hesitate to bring immediate legal action against those who are importing, selling and distributing any counterfeit ALP K2 products.

The public is hereby advised to deal with authorized ALP K2 dealers to avoid being deceived. Any information that may lead to the investigation and subsequently prosecution of persons or entities engaged in the unlawful importation, sale and distribution of counterfeit ALP K2 products should be directed to Tanaka Sangyo, Co., Ltd.'s anti-counterfeiting investigators.



IP² Manila Associates
2/F Sedcco Building
120 Rada cor. Legaspi Streets,
Makati City 1229 Philippines

+632 810-0622
+632 810-0624
info@ip-manila.com

(PDI-May 20, 2007)

A PLASTIC MFG PLANT
NEEDS:
ACCTG, CHE &
IE GRADUATE
FEMALE/SINGLE/
21-25 YRS. OLD
CADET ENGINEER
MALE/21-27 YRS. OLD
ME, EE, ELEC TECHNICIAN
CALL: MYRA
8249417/8241567



HOME
beautiful durable timeless
presents

"HOMAGE TO THE FILIPINO ARTISAN"
a tribute to the genius of Filipino craftsmanship
furniture bedding window fashion fine furnishings
furniture restoration and recovery
come and be inspired

when Sunday, May 27, 2007
time 10 am to 4 pm
where Amorsolo Function Room, Amorsolo Towers, Rockwell, Makati
Inquiries : ana 656 9574 • 0927-329-3300
email optimamanila@yahoo.com • optimamanila@aol.com



Inquire about the JobMarket Libre at 897-8808 loc 514.



Premiere Bank

FILE: Bank Expansion Program

Premiere Bank is inviting
qualified, enthusiastic and innovative individuals
to join our bankwide expansion program.

We offer you a challenging opportunity and the chance to get ahead.

BRANCH MANAGERS

to be assigned in Makati, Caloocan, Laguna and Rizal areas.
With commercial banking experience, good communication skills and work ethic. Credit experience preferred. 30 to 40 years old, male or female.

ACCOUNT OFFICERS SENIOR CREDIT ANALYSTS

With SME and retail banking experience, good financial analysis skills, and customer relationship oriented attitude. Male or female, 25 to 35 years old.

FRONTLINE STAFF

college graduate and computer-literate

With or without any work experience, with good oral and written communication skills, enthusiastic and willing to learn. Male or female, 21 to 27 years old.

If you are interested in moving ahead, send your resume
and application letter to us through

careers@premierebank.com.ph.

Selected qualified applicants will be advised of their interview
schedules within a few days.



Premiere Bank
PREMIERE DEVELOPMENT BANK

main office EDSA cor. Magallanes Drive, Makati City
tels 852-3546 • 852-3548 to 50 • 852-3526 to 29

www.premierebank.com.ph

PRIME LOTS AT THE HEART OF SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE FOR LEASE

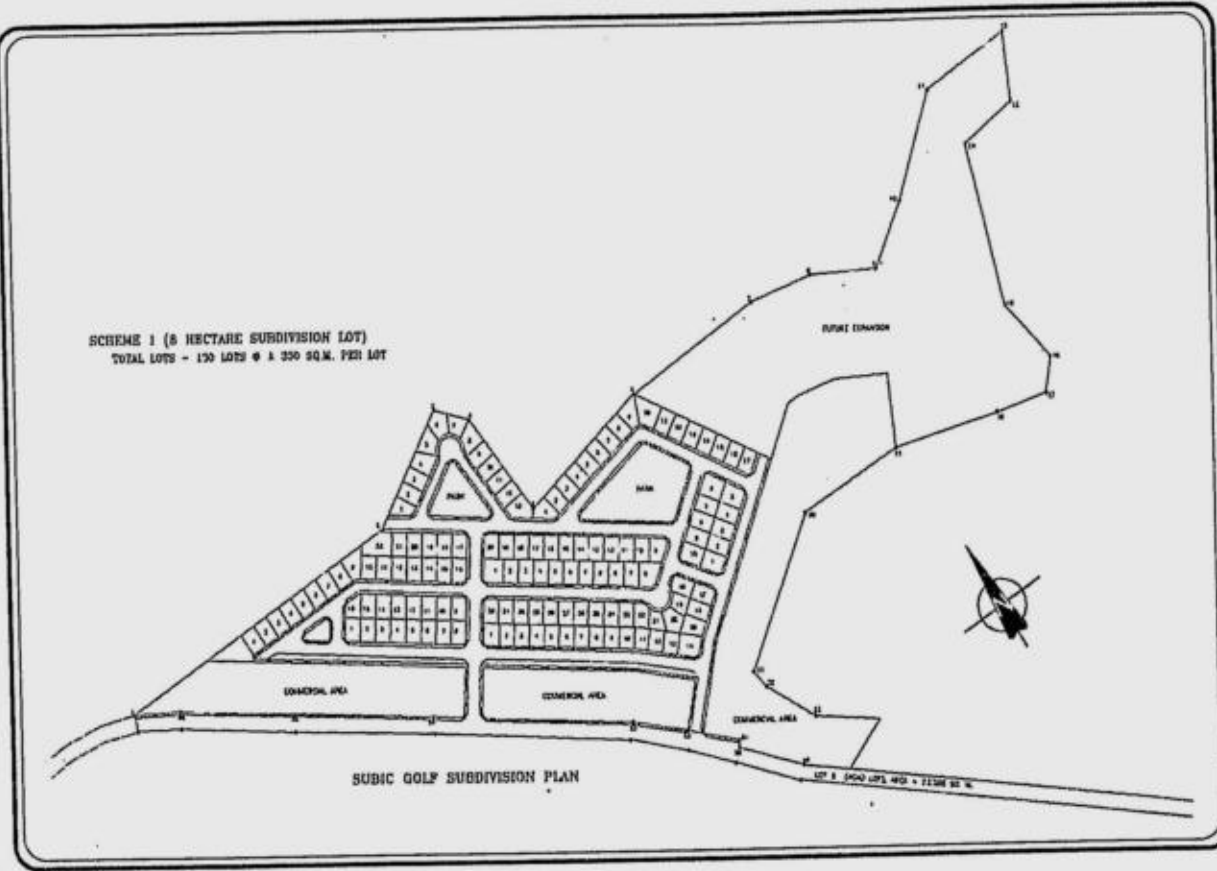
- NEXT TO GOLF COURSE.
- DEVELOPERS ARE ALSO WELCOME.
- FOR RETIREMENT & RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

Contact:

Ms. Chan
Tel. (02) 5357735

Leonardo Mesiano
CP No. 09185133595

Bldg. 6900 Binictican Drive
Subic Bay Freeport Zone
Tel. (047) 2522920



*(All information are for marketing purposes only, UIGDC reserves the right to amend the material without prior notice.)

FOR RENT

12-Seater T9203494 4338704
VANS 9226702 9214535

Notary Public
Atty. Larry Andol,
Manila, Philippines
May 20, 27 June 3, 2007

OPPORTUNITY

INDEPENDENT BUS.
91978901851
ELOAD DEALER O

SINGLE 7312373 7417060

SOR, K-LINE OPERATOR
w/experience / good moral
character 2875842 / 2876088

ASSOCIATE
31008

EXPERT CUTTER 4 MTO

SECRETARY
MASSAGE
MANICURISTS
Call: 721-5055 /
721-2797

Midwife, nurse or Caregiver for
female patient w alzheimers

**Send your
resumé instantly**

JOB
Postings



Republic of the Philippines
Bulacan State University
City of Malolos, Bulacan
Tel/Fax (044) 791-0153

NOTICE OF SEARCH AND CALL FOR APPLICATION

Please be informed that the Search Committee for the **Bulacan State University Presidency** formally and publicly announces that the Search for BulSU President is now open.

Below are the minimum qualifications:

1. Must be a Filipino citizen
2. Must be a holder of an earned doctoral degree
3. Preferably sixty one (61) years old at the date of application
4. Must be morally upright
5. With recognized leadership in his/her profession in the academe or industry
6. With at least five (5) years of managerial/administrative experience

In addition to the aforementioned qualifications, the applicants should make a full disclosure of all administrative, criminal, and, or civil case filed in any court in the Philippines against him/her and is required to submit the following clearances:

1. National Bureau of Investigation
2. Sandiganbayan
3. Ombudsman
4. Philippine Anti-Graft Commission
5. Civil Service Commission and/or Certificate of no pending administrative case issued by the Administrative Office of present employer
6. Not convicted of any administrative or criminal case

Formal application should be submitted with:

1. Detailed curriculum vitae and photocopies of supporting papers (original documents should be brought during the panel interview for verification)
2. Proposed Vision, Mission and Thrusts of the College
3. Results of Neuro-Psychiatric Exam conducted by any accredited institution
4. Development Plans/Programs
5. Medical certificate from a government physician

Interested applicants are requested to submit **six (6) sets** of application folders and addressed to the Chairman of the Search Committee **on or before June 4, 2007 (Monday).**

DR. FELIZARDO Y. FRANCISCO, CESO III
Director IV
Commission on Higher Education
Regional Office III
2/F KL Consunji St., City of San Fernando,
Pampanga

(PDI - May 20, 2007)



JOIN US NOW !!!
BE PART OF A LEADING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

EEI CORPORATION

**URGENTLY NEEDS TO FILL UP THE FOLLOWING
CRITICAL POSITIONS IN ITS DOMESTIC
OPERATIONS.**

SUPERINTENDENTS & SUPERVISORS

**MECHANICAL PIPING
STRUCTURAL ELECTRICAL
EQUIPMENT CIVIL WORKS
PRE. COMMISSIONING**

SKILLED

**RIGGERS MILLWRIGHTS
WELDERS PIPE FITTERS
STRUCTURAL FITTERS
INSTRUMENT TECHNICIANS**

**HIGHLY
COMPETITIVE
SALARIES
& BENEFITS
AWAIT
SUCCESSFUL
CANDIDATES**

Qualified candidates may apply in person or send their comprehensive resumé together with their most recent 2" x 2" photo to any of the following:

**EEI CORPORATION
RECRUITMENT SECTION**
No. 12 Manggahan St., Brgy. Bagumbayan, Quezon City
Tel. No. 635-0843 up to 46 local 279/280 or 6363093
E-mail: bohn2724@eei.com.ph

LEGASPI
2nd Floor, Silaw Building,
#14 Rizal St., Sagpon,
Daraga, Albay
(Look for Nice Abundo)
Contact # (052) 4830334

LA UNION
Ground Floor, Mabanag Building,
General Luna St.,
San Fernando City, La Union
(Look for Albert Mapile)
Contact # 0920 577-67-61 /
(072) 888-52-54

DON'T MISS!!!

Canada In Search for **SKILLS**

LIVE, WORK, & EARN \$\$\$ ABROAD

SKILLED OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

ADMINISTRATORS (COLLEGE & VOCATIONAL) • UNIV PROFESSORS • TEACHERS • IT PROFESSIONALS • COUNSELLORS • SOCIAL WORKERS • COOKS/CHEFS • COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS • ACCOUNTANTS • CPA • AUDITORS • ECONOMISTS • BOOKKEEPERS • PURCHASING OFFICERS • FINANCIAL MGRS • STATISTICIANS • BANK & CREDIT MGRS • INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS/ADJUSTERS/EXAMINERS • TREASURERS • MGT CONSULTANTS • REAL ESTATE AGENTS/MANAGERS • EXECUTIVE ASSTS • REVENUE/LOAN OFFICERS • EVENT PLANNERS • JUDGES/PARALEGALS • SECRETARIES (LEGAL & MEDICAL) • MEDICAL REP • HOTEL & RESTAURANT MANAGERS • HR MANAGERS • SALES & MKTG MANAGERS • ART DIRECTORS • BROADCASTERS • WRITERS • JOURNALISTS • LIBRARIANS • RESEARCHERS • EDITORS • CLERICAL SUPERVISORS • LAW CLERKS • MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONISTS • PHARMACISTS • BIOLOGISTS • OPTICIANS • DENTAL HYGIENISTS • OPTOMETRISTS • DENTISTS • VETERINARIANS • DIETICIANS • NUTRITIONISTS • NURSES • DOCTORS • PHYSICAL THERAPIST (partial listing only)

TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

ENGINEERS (all fields) • ARCHITECTS • INDUSTRIAL/INTERIOR DESIGNERS • GRAPHIC DESIGNERS • GRAPHIC ARTIST TECHNICIANS • FILM/VIDEO CAMERA OPERATORS • ILLUSTRATING ARTIST • DENTURISTS • ELECTRICIANS (Industrial & Power System) • PLUMBERS • MEDICAL TECH • DENTAL TECH • FOOD TECH • RESPIRATORY THERAPIST • MINERS • FARM MANAGERS • MANUFACTURING MGRS • CONSTRUCTION MGRS • COMMERCIAL DIVERS • REF & AIRCON MECHANICS • ELECTRICAL POWER LINE & CABLE WORKERS • TELECOM LINE & CABLE WORKERS • REPAIRERS • SHEET METAL WORKERS • BOILERMAKERS • WELDERS • SEA FARRERS • IRON WORKERS • MARINE ENGRS • TECHNICAL • SUPERVISORS • JEWELLERS • MOTOR VEHICLE/AIRCRAFT MECHANIC • PIPE, GAS & METAL PLATE FITTERS • INDUSTRIAL/ELECTRICAL MECHANICS • STRUCTURAL METAL & PLATE WORK FABRICATORS & FITTERS (partial listing only)

LIVE !!! On MAY 26, 2007 @ 1PM (Saturday) @ MAKATI SPORTS CLUB
88 L. Laviato Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City

Seminar Fee: Pre-paid Php 1,000 / Walk-in Php 2,000 (includes of Snacks & Visa Kit) Reg't's: Comprehensive Res: 2x2 pic.
(Inclusive of Snacks & Visa Kit) Reg't's: Comprehensive Res: 2x2 pic.

INS IMMIGRATION NETWORK SERVICES, INC.
for more information call INS secretariat at:
891-5686 to 891-5920 / 891-5924
ins-global @ manila.com.ph

FIND OUT IF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS MEET THE CRITERIA FOR IMMIGRATION

Provincial Seminars
DAGUPAN CITY May 27 (Sunday) @ 2PM, Leisure Coast, Resort Dagupan City, Cal (075) 522-7225/515-4973 Text: 0918-9122594
CEBU CITY May 27 (Sat) @ 3:30PM, Cebu City Hotel, F. Ramon St. Cebu City, Cal (032) 255-3872/255-6673 to 740919-9122594/10928-7447093



Republic of the Philippines
National Electrification Administration
Quezon City

Needed Immediately

GENERAL MANAGER

For
Guimaras Electric Cooperative, Inc. (GUMELCO)
Jordan, Guimaras

Qualifications:

- 30-50 Years Old
- Male or Female
- Graduate of Business Administration, Engineering (Electrical, Mechanical, ECE), Accounting, Finance, Management or Behavioral Science
- With Master's Degree or Post-Graduate Degree preferred
- Must have at least five (5) years managerial experience in a utility-related business enterprise
- Computer literate
- Must be willing to relocate with his/her family in Guimaras.

Starting Salary: P30,000.00

Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the Institutional Development Department, 6th Floor, NEA Building, NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Deadline for submission of application form is on 05 June 2007.

(Sgd.) EDITA S. BUENO
Administrator

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



This is to warn the public that these couple

Charlito M. Gatasi & Lusvimin O. Gatasi

Are no longer connected with our company, Great Christian Academy Foundation due to criminal Case No. 05-0511 (ESTABA) filed at RTC Parañaque City.

Any transactions made by any of these couple in the name of our co., Great Christian Academy will not be honored by us.

(PDI - May 20, 2007)



ASIATRUST Bank

ACQUIRED ASSETS UNIT
PROPERTIES FOR SALE @ REDUCED PRICES!
HOT LINE NUMBER - 924-5730
Tel. Nos.: 924-5655 or 0917-4730557

Look for: Mel Ferrer or Abby Email Add: ecferrer@asiatrustbank.com

- 1-residential townhouse unit located @ Lot 2 Bldg. 11 Villa De Calamba Subd., Bo. Bucal, Calamba, Laguna w/ total lot area of 65sq.m., floor area of 95sq.m. & w/ selling price of P1,036M
- 4-story commercial bldg. located in a highly commercialized area, Lot 213-A East corner Lino Barrera & Turgan St., Poblacion, Santiago City, Isabela w/ total lot area of 531sq.m., flr. area of 1,850sq.m. & w/ selling price of P27.2M
- 4-story townhouse unit located @ Lot 222-D No. 651 Jose Abad Santos St., Brgy. Little Baguio, San Juan, Metro Manila w/ total lot area of 62.12 sq.m., floor area of 187.50 sq.m. & w/ selling price of P5M
- 2-story townhouse type bldg. located @ Lot 9 Bldg. 1 within Isabella Place Hobart 1, Capitol District, Pasong Tamo, Quezon City w/ total lot area of 85.40 sq.m. & selling price of P2.8M
- Vacant Lot located @ Amore Ville Subd., Saluysoy Drive, Brgy. De Ocampo, Trece Martirez City w/ total lot area of 147,203 sq.m. & selling price of P65M (Ideal for subdivision)
- Vacant Industrial Lot located @ Lot 17 Bldg. 1 New York corner Boston, Meycauayan, Bulacan w/ total lot area of 3,335 sq.m. & selling price of P14M (Ideal for warehouse & plant)
- 2-story Olce Warehouse Bldg. located @ 9th St., Between 9th and 10th Ave., Grace Park, Caloocan City LA=487.50 sq.m. FA=820sq.m. Selling Price of P12.0M
- Highly commercialized vacant lot located near St. Joseph, Jollibee, Residenza Subd., Pag-Ibig City with lot area of 4,341sq.m. @ P7,000 per sq.m.
- Office Condominium Unit with 2 parking slots located @ Unit 1403, 139 Corporate Center, 139 Valero St., Makati City w/ total floor area of 190 sq.m. & selling price of P12.850M
- Residential Condo located @ Unit 9-A Phase 2 Green Valley Village, Green Valley Road, Baguio City w/ floor area of 100.25 sq.m. & selling price of P2.1M

**ALL PRICES ARE STILL NEGOTIABLE W/ EASY
INSTALLMENT TERMS, LOW DOWN PAYMENT @20%**



Republic of the Philippines
**MINDORO STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY**
Alcala, Victoria, 5205 Oriental Mindoro

NOTICE OF SEARCH AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Board of Trustees of the Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology formally and publicly announces that the Search for Presidency of the **MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY** is now open. Interested applicants and/or nominees are invited to send their formal applications to the Search Committee chaired by Commissioner Saturnino M. Ocampo, Jr.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a Natural born Filipino citizen;
- A holder of an earned doctorate degree in any academic field relevant to the mission and mandate of the College;
- Must not be more than 60 years old at the time of application;
- Must have a proven track record as administrator for at least five (5) years preferably in the academe; and
- Morally upright and has no record of criminal, civil and/or administrative charges.

In addition to the above-mentioned qualifications, the applicants should make a full disclosure of all administrative, criminal, and/or civil cases filed in any court in the Philippines and are required to submit the following clearances:

- NBI, Sandiganbayan and Previous Employer's Clearances;
 - Civil Service Commission Clearance and/or Certificate of No Pending Administrative Case issued by the Administrative Officer of present employer; and
 - Certificate of no pending cases issued by the Court where he/she resides.
- Formal application addressed to the Search Committee should be accompanied with:
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (under oath) and authenticated/certified supporting documents;
 - The applicant's proposed Vision and Thrust for the College within a four-year period;
 - Result of the Neuro-Psychiatric Examination accomplished by a competent physician of a government accredited Test Center;
 - Medical Certificate of Physical Fitness issued by a government physician; and
 - Under Oath CSC Form 212.

Interested applicants and/or those nominated for the position are requested to submit four (4) sets of their formal application and certified supporting documents on or before **June 19, 2007** to:

MR. MARLON N. FABRICANTE
Executive Assistant IV
Office of Commissioner S. M. OCAMPO, JR.
CHED, 5th DAP Bldg., San Miguel Ave.,
Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Tel. No. (02) 635-1690, Telefax No. (02) 635-1693

MS. FELICITAS R. ULEP
Board Secretary
Mindoro State College
of Agriculture and Technology
Alcala, Victoria, 5205 Oriental Mindoro
Telefax No. (043) 289-2368

(PDI - May 18, 19 & 20, 2007)

More Classified Ads:

Province of Aklan Page A28
Mactan Economic Zone Page A28
Department of Social Welfare and Development Page A28

National Agricultural and Fishery Council Page A29
Department of Education-Procurement Service Page A29

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

**MARY BABY L. CARDENAS**

has been convicted by the Regional Trial Court, Branch 16, Zamboanga City in the case entitled "People of the Philippines vs. Mary Baby L. Cardenas" and docketed as Criminal Case Nos. 22245, 22246 and 22247.

A reward will be given for any information that will lead to her arrest. For any information as to her whereabouts, please call the:

**Legal and Collection Department
ALLIED BANKING CORPORATION**
Allied Bank Center, 6754 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
at Tel. Nos. (632) 816-0902; (632) 810-2379
(632) 816-3311 to 99 local 544

Any information provided shall be treated with strict confidentiality.
(PDI-May 20, 2007)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



Notice is hereby given that Ms. Nella B. Dumayas of Blk. 15 Lot 61 Phase C1 Francisco Homes, Brgy. Mulawin, CSJDM, Bulacan, whose picture appears above, is no longer connected with Santuario de Paz Memorial Park with address at Galicia Apartment, Villarama Hi-way, Norzagaray, Bulacan, effective as of March 15, 2007.

Thus, any transaction entered into by said person after said date with any person or customer of the company shall not be honored.

(PDI-May 20, 2007)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



Notice is hereby given that Ms. Ma. Isabel Quemada of 1312-A Payumo St., Poblacion, Norzagaray, Bulacan, whose picture appears above, is no longer connected with Santuario de Paz Memorial Park with address at Galicia Apartment, Villarama Hi-way, Norzagaray, Bulacan, effective as of March 15, 2007.

Thus, any transaction entered into by said person after said date with any person or customer of the company shall not be honored.

(PDI-May 20, 2007)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given to the public that the following are officers and directors of American Stripes, Inc. with office address at Units 303-304, 3rd floor, AVECSS BLDG. No. 90 Kamias Rd., K-J St., East Kamias, Quezon City. Notice is further given to the public that American Stripes, Inc. is applying for the License with Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

MICHAEL A. ARAGON	- President
FIDEL G. POSADAS	- Corporate Secretary
LOWELL SORIANO	- Treasurer
GEORGE GADDI	- Director
TOMAS G. RENTOY	- Director
CESAR A. CARAON	- Director
FEBE Z. DIMAPILIS	- Director
EDUARDO R. APACIBLE	- Director

(PDI - May 17, 20 & 25, 2007)

IMMIGRATION AUSTRALIA

ELPIDIO JNR. BAUTISTA

Registered Migration Agent-
MARN 0002606

Tel. No. (02) 931-4046

or (02) 951-0180

Cell Phone - 0915-4013817

Email: elpidioj@tpg.com.au

POEA 24-HR HOTLINES
722-1144 • 722-1155

OBITUARIES

JOSE "PEPING" ARCEO CLAUDIO

Former Treasurer of the Development Bank
of the Philippines and

Founding Chairman of Toby's Group of Companies

peacefully joined his Creator
on May 18, 2007 at the age of 86.

His wife **Victoria Sison** (†); children, **Bobby & Ellen, Tess & Ninoy, Mari-vikk & Joey, Jojo & Beth, Rene** (†), **Rod & Cecile, LilyAnn & Boy, Ana & Butch**; daughter-in-law, **Cora** and grandchildren, **Toby & Babes, Lizette, Tricia, Dino Marc, Michael, Angelica, Louie, Mia, Stevie, Anina, Angela, Alfonso, Anika, Anton, Jaime, Janine & Bea**; and great-grandson, **Migo**

request pious readers to pray for the eternal
repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Capilla de San Francisco Santuario
de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Interment will be at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after
the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Gawad Kalinga would be greatly appreciated.



Our Dearly Beloved

ANTONIO BAYANG JUSTO

(May 10, 1926 - May 16, 2007)

peacefully joined our Lord
on May 16, 2007 at the age of 81.

His loving wife **Hermia** (nee Quinio); children **Carlos & Yolanda Vallejo, Suzette & Faustino Gomez III** and **Cynthia & David Kozuki** and grandchildren **Miguel, Lambert, Lara, Philip & Brix** and all relatives & friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at La Funeraria Paz, Inc., located at G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on May 22, 2007 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Message of Thanks

The family of the late

Atty. Osmundo G. Umali

(former Regional Director of the Bureau of
Internal Revenue)

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on April 15, 2007,

wish to express our deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation
to all who offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and
messages of sympathy and who in countless ways consoled
with and comforted us in our days of bereavement.

DR. MARCELIANO RAMOS TANABE

May 28, 1933 - April 13, 2007

The family expresses their sincerest gratitude to all
those who shared with their grief and offered prayers,
support and sympathy. They request that you
continue to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

In commemoration of his forty days, a Mass will be
offered at the Sacred Heart Parish Church, Tugatog,
Malabon on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2007 at 6:30 in the
evening.

**CONCHITA
G. SORIANO, J. P.**

peacefully joined our Lord
on May 18, 2007
at the age of 82.

Her loving children **Rowena, Cynthia**
and **Willy, Wilson** and **Nerie**; brother
Lito; grandchildren, great-grandchild,
nephews, nieces, relatives and friends
join in prayer for the eternal repose of
her soul.

Viewing scheduled on May 22, 4-9 PM
at Guardian Funeral Homes,
Blacktown, Sydney, Australia.

Interment will take place at Pinegrove
Cemetery, Minchinbury, Sydney,
Australia at 2:00 PM, May 23, 2007, after
the funeral mass at 1:00 PM at St.
Aidans Church in Rotty Hills.

For inquiries, please call Wilson,
cell # 0428 865 282 - Australia.

**ESMENIA QUILALA
GASMAN**

passed away on May 16, 2007.

Her loving sons, daughters and in-
laws, **OLIVER & DELING, NESTOR & LILIAN, ARTEMIO** (†) & **LINDA, SAMSON** (†) & **PINAY, MARIO & INDAY, BOBOT & EMY, DING & CHONA, GLEN & JOVY, JOEL & LORNA, RODEL & ESTELA, LETTY QUILALA** & family request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at Eric Santiago
Memorial Chapels # 26 Bayan-
Bayanan Ave., Concepcion, Marikina
City.

Interment will be announced later.

ESPERANZA BERMEJO BAIEN

Deaconess, church worker and wife of the late
REV. GREGORIO R. BAIEN of the United
Methodist Church, passed away on May 16, 2007.

A loving mom to **GREG & CECILE, JEROME & JOSIE, GLADYS & MIKE, ALVIN & ESTHER, ELNORA & EUGENE, CHERYL & LEUMAS, and JULIENNE & GEORGE.**

Her children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren
enjoin everyone to celebrate her blessed life.

Her remains lie at the Stewart Memorial Church in
Lingayen, Pangasinan.

Interment service will be on May 22 (Tuesday),
1:30 PM at the same venue.

For more information, please contact cellphone
numbers 0917-8073033 & 0917-8043199.

Notify family
and friends
of a loved
one who had
just passed
away.

We accept
death notices,
announcing
details of the
person's wake
and interment.
For a very
affordable fee
you can reach
out to
everyone who
have been a
part of the life
of your dearly
departed.
For more
information,
you may
contact

**Inquirer
Classifieds
at (02)897
8425**

OBITUARY
REQUIREMENTS:

- Copy of Death Certificate
- Any identification document (I.D.)

**WE ACCEPT
CREDIT CARDS
and
bank-to-bank
payments**

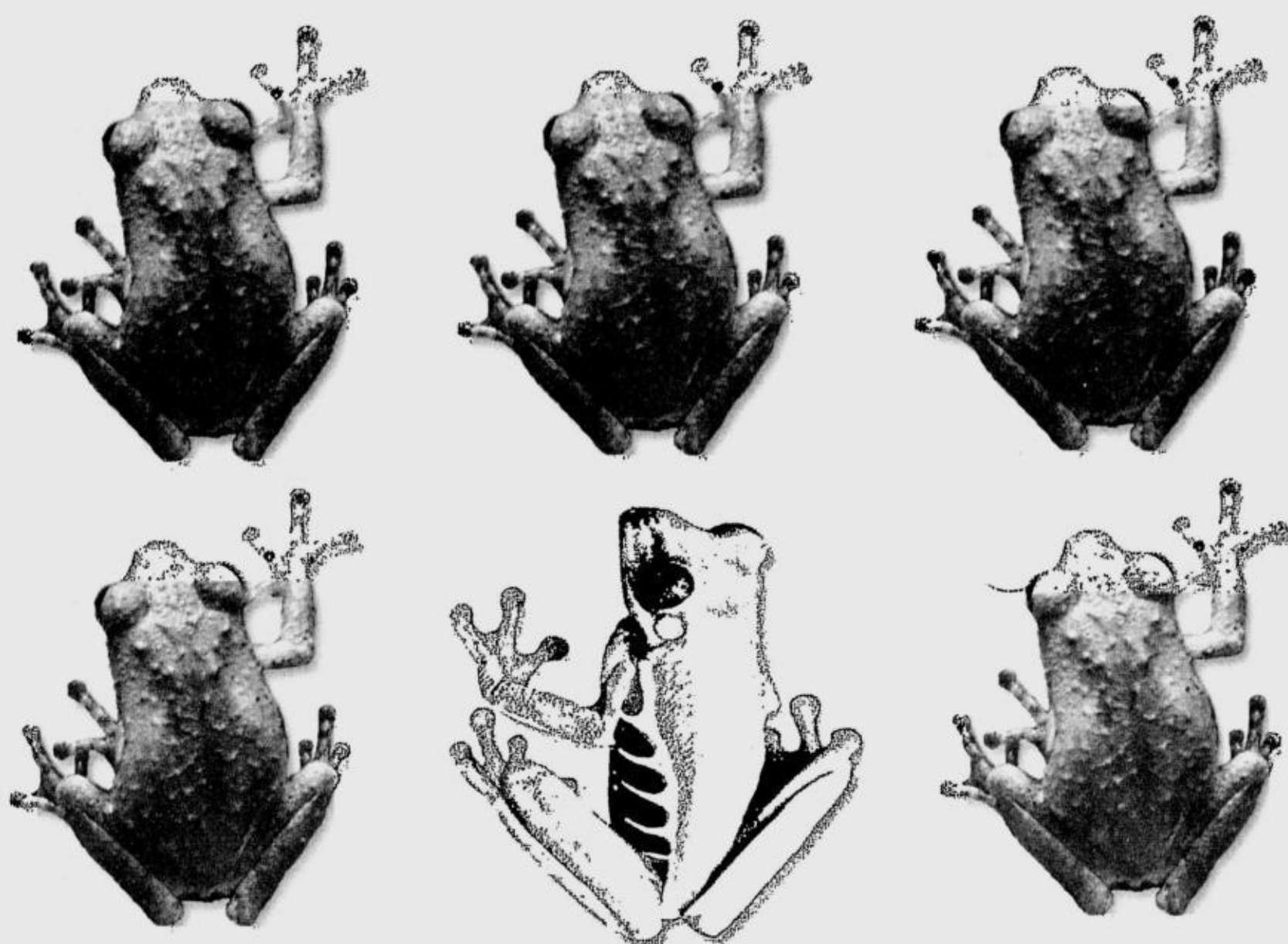
Engr. Rommel Tadeo Casin

died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord
on May 6, 2007 at the age of 30.

His bereaved family, relatives and friends request the readers
to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains will lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels and Crematorium,
Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City on May 20-21, 2007. His remains will be
transferred to Bicol for a two-night wake at Nuestra Señora de Salacion Chapels,
Polangui, Albay from May 22-23, 2007.

Interment will be on May 24, 2007 at Garden of Faith, Polangui, Albay.



There *is* a difference.

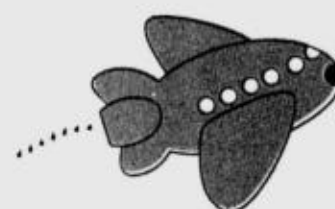
Hop on to TeleTech!

Be part of TeleTech's pioneering team in Novaliches
working with one of the world's leading computer companies!

Up to P15,000 Signing Bonus*
IF YOU APPLY ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15

*conditions apply

Hirees will also get the chance to win trips to
Bangkok or Phuket, Thailand or Bali, Indonesia!



TECHNICAL SUPPORT ASSOCIATES

- Preferably graduates of any four-year course
- With Excellent communication skills in English
- With strong comprehension and listening skills
- With basic computer troubleshooting skills
- Preferably with technical support experience

Other Leadership and Business Positions also available!

Visit our Novaliches Office
Levels 1 & 2, Robinsons Place Novaliches
Quirino Highway cor. Maligaya Rd.

To apply online, visit

www.HirePoint.com

The exclusive career gateway of TeleTech



TeleTech®

The Fastest Growing BPO Company

• Pasay • Fort Bonifacio • Novaliches • Cainta • Lipa • Dumaguete • Bacolod • Cebu • Bacoor • Iloilo •

perotsystems™

Expanding boundaries...

20 countries, 135 locations,
23,000+ employees, one company.

Perot Systems, a leading global provider of technology and business solutions, is now in Manila.

Perot Systems is a Fortune 1000 corporation with over 23,000 associates across 135 locations worldwide. Headquartered in Plano, Texas, Perot Systems reported revenue of \$2.6 billion in 2005.

Our global Insurance and Business Process Solutions team supports leading Healthcare providers, Life and Health Insurance corporations, and other Fortune 500 organizations. We have received widespread recognition from leading analysts for our focus on end-to-end management of the processes we support our clients on.

Dedicated to the highest standards of quality, we provide through training and continuous professional development opportunities to prepare our associates for rewarding assignments and exciting careers.

Explore exciting career opportunities with Perot Systems Business Process Solutions team, as we build this operation.

We are looking for result-oriented candidates with strong commitment to excellence and a long-term career focus.

All positions are based at Philippines. If you feel up to the challenge, visit our office for processing. We accept walk-in applicants, Monday to Friday from 8am to 2pm.

Job Title: Accounts Receivables Executive

Reporting To: Team Leader

Experience:

Fresh Graduates or Graduates with 1-3 years experience.

Competency Required:

- Excellent spoken English skills
- Strong Analytical Ability.
- Basic Knowledge of Computers.
- Average Typing Skills (25 wpm)

Education Qualifications:

Graduates

Detailed Description:

- Graduates with excellent spoken English skills, preferably with experience in international call centers / BPO companies
- Position involves focused B2B calls to insurance companies to follow up on accounts receivables
- Willingness to work in night shifts on an ongoing basis

Roles & Responsibilities:

- To assist the team as part of the Accounts Receivable process.
- Identify the outstanding claims with payers through the reports from clients
- Place calls with payers with regard to outstanding claims
- Coordinate with the team leader in following the processes
- To follow Information Security Policy and Compliance requirements including regulatory compliances

Perot Systems Philippines Inc. The Enterprise Center, 22nd Floor, Tower 2, 6766 Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City 1200, Philippines www.perotsystems.com/careers/bpo

PEROT SYSTEMS and the PEROT SYSTEMS logo are trademarks of Perot Systems and may be registered or unregistered in the United States, the EU, and other countries. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. © 2006 Perot Systems. All rights reserved.

Management Systems International (MSI), located in Salcedo Village, Makati, seeks a

Senior Project Accountant

The Senior Project Accountant reports to the Director of Finance and is responsible for all aspects of project accounting and financial management utilizing general accounting principles, following MSI home office field accounting procedures, and adhering to USAID and local government policies, procedures, and regulations. He/She will be responsible for, but not limited to the project's financial management, monthly reporting to the home office, record keeping, grants and subcontract management, payroll and travel expense management, and communications.

The Senior Project Accountant must have at least 5 years professional and at least 2 years of USAID administration and finance policies and procedures experience.

Interested applicants should send a resumé and cover letter to ibarland@msi-inc.com, or mail them to Unit 2302, 23rd Floor, 88 Corporate Center, 141 Sedeno corner Valero Streets, Salcedo Village, Makati, 1227. Deadline for applications is on May 31, 2007.

PhilKingdom, INC. is a company sanctioned by PAGCOR to provide entertainment in the form of sports betting. We have a complete Sports Book which offers its customers guaranteed payouts, extensive coverage of all major football leagues and international sporting events. We are inviting hard working and highly motivated young people who are looking for a long-term career to join us as: (Preferably with sports betting experience)

1. Business Development Managers

preferably at least 3 years experience in the local distribution channels of products & services

2. Marketing Executives

preferably at least 1 year experience in marketing local products and services

3. Sales Executives

preferably at least 1 year experience in outdoor sales

4. Certified Public Accountants

preferably at least 2 yrs. experience in accounting work

5. Bookkeepers

no experience required

6. Data Entry Staff

no experience required

Competitive compensation package and a rewarding professional career awaits successful candidates.

Interested applicants are requested to submit resumé with 2x2 picture to joetang@philkingdom.com



Our company is an ISO 9001:2000 Certified Engineering Design Consultancy and Construction Management Firm. For more than 24 years, ESCA has developed and expanded its services to meet the increasing demand of a wide range of clientele here and abroad. We take pride in taking care of our PEOPLE and using the latest TECHNOLOGY in delivering e-ENGINEERING SERVICES that are at par with the world's best.

BE A WORLD CLASS ENGINEER! BE AN ESCA ENGINEER!

Set your CAREER on track!

A rewarding career with a great company. A rare opportunity to join a strong, experienced and focused team. Great culture, great projects. If you have the drive to succeed, WE WANT YOU to be a part of our team.



We are in search for TOP CALIBER and PROACTIVE individuals to fill in the following positions:

CIVIL WORKS DESIGN MANAGER — Registered Professional; Knowledgeable in AutoCAD, Autodesk Land Development Desktop and/or Civil 3D; Minimum of 10 years extensive experience; Strong management, leadership and interpersonal skills; Previous experience on US projects an advantage

CIVIL WORKS DESIGN ENGINEERS — Registered Professional; Knowledgeable in AutoCAD, Autodesk Land Development Desktop and/or Civil 3D; Must have at least 2 years relevant engineering design experience; Previous experience on US projects an advantage but not necessary; With good communication skills and can work with minimal supervision

STRUCTURAL DESIGN ENGINEERS — Registered Professional; Knowledgeable in STAAD Pro, ETABS, STRAP and other engineering design software; Must have at least 2 years relevant engineering design experience; Experience in industrial facilities such as power plants, cement plants, refineries and precast concrete design and detailing; Previous experience on US projects an advantage but not necessary; With good communication skills and can work with minimal supervision; willing to be assigned anywhere

PROJECT ENGINEERS — Registered Civil Engineer; With extensive 3 to 5 years experience in Project Construction and Management; With good communication skills and can work with minimal supervision; Willing to be assigned anywhere

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS — Registered Professional; Minimum of 3 years relevant experience; Knowledge in HVAC & Fire Protection System design; Knowledge in quantity take off, cost estimates, quality control and quality assurance procedures; Knowledge in AutoCAD and MS Office Applications; Ability to interpret MEPS working drawings; Ability to work and deliver on under pressure, priorities, deadlines, to do multitask and handle multiple projects; Well-versed in documentation, writing reports and correspondences; Willing to be assigned anywhere

SANITARY ENGINEERS / ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS — Registered Professional; Must have at least 3 years relevant experience; Knowledge in AutoCAD and other engineering design software; Knowledge of design techniques, tools and principles involved in production of precision technical plans, drawings and models; Ability to work and deliver on under pressure, priorities, deadlines, to do multitask and handle multiple projects; willing to be assigned anywhere

STEEL DETAILING MANAGER — BS Architecture or Civil Engineering course graduate; Registered Professional a plus factor; With at least 5 years in coordination and management of steel detailing or design projects; Strong management skills

STEEL DETAILERS — BS Architecture or Civil Engineering course graduate; Knowledgeable in X Steel software; Must have at least 6 months relevant experience; Can produce structural steel fabrication outputs; Experience in industrial facilities such as power plants, cement plants, refineries and precast concrete design and detailing; With good communication skills and can work with minimal supervision; willing to be assigned anywhere

CADD OPERATORS — BS Architecture or Civil Engineering course graduate; Proficient in the use of AutoCAD, Architectural Desktop, 3D Studio or any engineering / architectural / mechanical software; Must have at least 2 years relevant experience; Experience on precast concrete detailing an advantage; With good communication skills and can work with minimal supervision; Willing to be assigned anywhere

ARCHITECTS — Registered Professional; Must have at least 3 years relevant experience; Creative in conceptualization; Proficient in AutoCAD / Microstation and other architectural software; Can prepare plans from Design to Construction; With good communication skills and can work with minimal supervision; Willing to be assigned anywhere

FRESH GRADUATES ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.

Successful candidates await great and rewarding employment career opportunities & a chance to travel abroad.

If you believe you are the ideal candidate,

you may apply personally or send your updated resume with application letter to:

ESCA INCORPORATED
ENGINEERS • CONSULTANTS • PROJECT MANAGERS
The Human Resources Department
3rd Floor ATC Centre, 148 Katipunan Avenue,
St. Ignatius Village, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 4371218 / 4371219 / 9139879 / 9139920
Fax No. 4371217
Website: www.escaengineers.com
Email: hrd@escaengineers.com



RAMCAR GROUP OF COMPANIES

We build people.

PRODUCTION ENGINEERS/FOREMEN

- ✓ Male; 20-30 years old.
- ✓ Graduate of Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical or Metallurgical Engineering.
- ✓ License is an advantage but not required.
- ✓ Preferably with work experience in a Manufacturing set-up.

PRODUCT / PRODUCT DESIGN ENGINEERS

- ✓ Male or Female; 20-30 years old
- ✓ Graduate of any Engineering course (preferably M.E.)
- ✓ With actual experience in AutoCAD

PROCESS ENGINEER

- ✓ Male, 21-25 years old
- ✓ Chemical or Metallurgical Engineering Graduate
- ✓ With VERY GOOD scholastic records
- ✓ Must exhibit effective communication and interpersonal skills.

ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY ENGINEER

- ✓ 21-28 years old
- ✓ BS Mechanical or Electrical Engineering graduate; willing to be trained as Environment & Safety Engineer.
- ✓ Preferably with 2-3 years experience as plant maintenance, maintenance engineer/ technician, utility or process mechanic, with exposure in implementing safety programs or installation of safety engineering controls.
- ✓ Member of the company's Safety Committee and / or appointed as the Safety Champion.
- ✓ Knowledgeable on safety rules and regulations.

EQUIPMENT ENGINEERS

- ✓ Male; 23-30 years old
- ✓ Licensed Mechanical or Electrical Engineer
- ✓ Must be experienced in HVAC maintenance and operation
- ✓ With knowledge in pumps, lightings, pipings, building equipment repair and maintenance
- ✓ Must be willing to work in shifts

ACCOUNTANTS/AUDITORS

- ✓ Should be either
 - A CPA, no experience required or a non-CPA, pref. with experience in SAP.
- ✓ Very good in performing reconciliation work, cost accounting or audit tasks
- ✓ With good scholastic records
- ✓ Proficient in Microsoft Excel

CSR SPECIALISTS

- ✓ Male or Female; 25-35 years of age
- ✓ Graduate of AB/BS Social Work & Community Development, Psychology or Public Administration (Masters Degree would be an advantage).
- ✓ MUST have general knowledge in CSR, public/community relations including media affairs and target stakeholders' consultation.
- ✓ Possess excellent project management skills.
- ✓ With good oral and written communication skills.

Interested applicants may apply personally with resumé and T.O.R. at:

RAMCAR CENTER 80 Roces Avenue, Diliman, Q.C.
Or e-mail resume with picture and copy of T.O.R. to bcsarmiento@motolite.com or recruitment@motolite.com

Get more exposure for your ad. Advertise in JobMarket Libre

Inquire about the JobMarket Libre at 897-8808 loc 514.

**Berlitz**

Language Center is looking for :

Full-time or Part-time LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS

for the following languages:

- ARABIC
- SPANISH
- MANDARIN
- FRENCH
- ENGLISH
- GERMAN
- JAPANESE
- ITALIAN

Berlitz
KIDS

English instructors

- willing to teach within the vicinity of Bulacan

SALES/MARKETING Officers



Interested applicants may submit their resumes with a photo to Rm. 209 Peninsula Court Building, 8735 Paseo de Roxas corner Makati Avenue, Makati City. For more information you can contact us at 813 22 31 or 817 93 19

SPEAK UP & STAND OUT**P3,696.00** for 18 hours

(Inclusive of tuition fee, registration fee, materials and 12% VAT)

ENGLISH COURSES

ENGLISH REFRESHER COURSE
PRONUNCIATION
E-MAIL AND BUSINESS WRITING
PUBLIC SPEAKING

P4,800.00 for 15 hours

(Inclusive of tuition fee, registration fee, materials and 12% VAT)

MANDARIN, GERMAN, SPANISH
FRENCH, JAPANESE, ITALIAN and FILIPINO

//Wanted: Software Development Director

```
public class BrandersRecruitment {  
  
    private boolean isQualified;  
    List candidateQualities = candidate.getQualities();  
    if(candidateQualities.contains("Exceptional Problem Solver")  
    && candidateQualities.contains("Strong planning, leadership, organization and execution skills")  
    && candidateQualities.contains("Success in managing the development of software, including web-based  
    applications"))  
    {  
        if( candidate.yearsOfExperience >= 10) {  
            if(candidate.degree == "Computer Science"  
            || candidate.degree == "Computer Engineering"  
            || candidate.degree == "Equivalent"){  
                isQualified = true;  
            }  
        }  
        if(isQualified){  
            sendEmailTo("cherry@branders.com");  
        }  
        private boolean isHired;  
        if(isHired){  
            SoftwareDevelopmentDirector = candidate;  
            SoftwareDevelopmentDirector.yearlySalary = P5,000,000.00  
        }  
        while(isHired){  
            SoftwareDevelopmentDirector.yearlySalary = (employee.yearlySalary * yearlyIncrease) + bonuses  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Get it?

-  Applicants must have a degree in Computer Science Engineering, Software Engineering or equivalent from a top 5 school (top technical schools - could be US, Philippines, Singapore, India, etc.)
-  Applicants must have at least 10 years experience in software development and software development management
-  Applicants must have at least 5 years personally doing full time application development either on a web-based e-commerce application or with an independent software vendor (ISV, for example, Microsoft, Oracle (applications), etc.)

We are interested only in **very strong leaders** with the proven ability to manage software development at all levels - from conceptualization to architecture to coding decisions. The successful candidate will know, from actual working experience, about such things as databases, language processes, network stacks, and will have coded and managed projects coded in Java.

These requirements are not flexible. Pay will be commensurate with experience but may be as high as **P5,000,000** per year.

637-1574 local 3915
Cherry Pacleb - Executive Recruiter



BRANDERS.COM®
The World's Largest Online Seller of Promotional Items

30F Unionbank Plaza, Meralco Avenue corner Onyx Rd. Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1605

The local affiliate of one of the largest assistance companies in the world with 3,500 employees providing 24/7 emergency assistance services to over 115 million members worldwide, is inviting top-caliber applicants to join its local expansion program for the following positions:

■ OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

- ☑ Male or Female, must possess at least a Bachelor's/College Degree in any field of studies.
- ☑ Excellent interpersonal links and communication skills; computer literate;
- ☑ Willing to be assigned on a shifting work schedule. Confident, hardworking, assertive and can work under pressure

■ GENERAL ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

- ☑ A College Degree holder in Accountancy or any equivalent course with at least one year of working experience in the Accounting Department as an accounting assistant;
- ☑ Willing to render extended working hours and manifests potential for career advancement;
- ☑ Well organized and systematic; capable and ready to perform multi-tasks; has a keen eye for details; above-average analytical skills and computer literate.

■ CORPORATE ACCOUNTS EXECUTIVE

- ☑ Male or Female and must possess at least a Bachelor's/College Degree in Business Studies / Administration / Management or equivalent;
- ☑ With solid Sales & Marketing Background and has an extensive experience in handling corporate accounts
- ☑ With good command of English in both verbal and written

■ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

- ☑ Candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree and must have at least 6 years relevant experience.
- ☑ Preferably occupying a senior management position in an Executive Search and Consultancy industry or any related field.
- ☑ Must have effective leadership and management skills, articulate and have a good command of the English Language (both verbal and written).

■ RESEARCH OFFICER

- ☑ Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Science, Psychology, Human Resources Management or other related course.
- ☑ At least two (2) years of relevant working experience in all facets of human resource management functions.
- ☑ Must have a working knowledge in preparing, maintaining or improving processes and procedures involving recruitment, client report/feedback systems, applicant/candidate sourcing.

■ TOW TRUCK DRIVER/HELPER

- ☑ Candidate must possess at least a Vocational Diploma / Short Course Certificate or Bachelor's/College Degree in any field.
- ☑ Punctual, dependable and trustworthy
- ☑ Must be a holder of a professional driver's license, can operate a tow truck, can read maps, multi-tasker and has the basic skills in vehicle troubleshooting.
- ☑ At least 3 year(s) of working experience in the related field is required for this position.

Interested applicants may send their resumé with recent picture, transcript of records and other pertinent credentials to:

EA Philippines, Inc.

3rd Floor, 6788 Bldg. Ayala Avenue, 1226 Makati City
E-mail: hnd@eaphils.com

URGENT REQUIREMENT

A leading global energy company is in need of:
LABORATORY CHEMIST

Qualifications:

- Graduate of Chemical Engineering or Chemistry, preferably licensed.
- Minimum of 3 years experience as analyst/chemist in a power plant
- Demonstrated experience in the analysis of water, coal and oil
- Working knowledge in personal computer applications

Responsibilities:

Perform sampling, analysis, preventive and corrective measures on water and steam for power plant's steam generating and cooling systems and auxiliaries.

PLANT OPERATOR

Qualifications:

- Graduate of Mechanical, Electrical or Chemical Engineering, preferably licensed
- Minimum of 2 years generally applicable experience in thermal power plant operations
- Advanced skills in understanding O&M manuals, schematics, and engineering reports
- Working knowledge in personal computer applications

Responsibilities:

Assure the safe and efficient operation of all coal-fired plant features including turbine-generator units and associated mechanical, electrical and computer control systems, while developing a thorough understanding of dispatch, contractual and operational requirements.

PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

Qualifications:

- Graduate of Mechanical Engineering and preferably licensed
- Has extensive experience in a thermal power plant for at least five years and with exposure in condition monitoring.
- Familiar with the use of Bentley Nevada System-1 on-line vibration monitoring, portable vibration analyzer, oil analysis, thermal scanner, laser alignment instrument, boroscope, Ultrasonic tester and balancing
- Is highly knowledgeable in computers/CAD/CMMS.

Responsibilities:

Responsible for overall condition monitoring of the plant equipment in terms of vibration monitoring/analysis, oil analysis, thermography, in order to increase plant production readiness by significantly reducing the chance of equipment breakdown and to maintain operational capacity through reduced downtime of critical machines.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN MAY 31, 2007.
Please send letter of application and comprehensive resumé to:

Human Resources Manager
P.O. Box 13850
Ortigas Center Post Office
1605 Pasig City



Be Part of The Next Step in Business Research Evolution

ExplorAsia is the country's pioneer in providing customized Business Research and Analysis Services for many corporate clients from around the world. Since 2002, we have been delivering in-depth profiles and studies of companies, markets, and industries in any part of the world. We are expanding our operations and are in need of the following:

■ Phone Interviewers

- Must be fluent speaking French, Spanish, German, Japanese, or Chinese;
- Must be willing to work in shifts;
- Very detail-oriented and well-organized;
- Has working knowledge of MS Word and Excel;
- Time-efficient, high level of understanding, result-oriented, flexible, creative and innovative;
- Previous research experience is desirable but not essential;
- Incoming 4th year college students with good academic standing can also apply.

■ Marketing & Business Development Assistant

- Must be fluent speaking English, preferable with North American accent;
- Must be willing to work in shifts;
- Must have at least a Bachelor's/College Degree in any field;
- Preferably with Sales or Telemarketing work experience;
- Very detail-oriented and well-organized;
- Has working knowledge of MS Word, Powerpoint & Excel;
- Pleasant personality, result-oriented, flexible, creative & innovative.

■ HR Specialist

- Must have actual HR work experience in Compensation and Benefits, Performance Management, Training and Organizational Development and Employee Relations;
- Must have excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
- Must be proficient in MS Word, Powerpoint, and Excel;
- Must have at least a Bachelor's/College Degree in any field;
- Highly organized and can work on multiple priorities;
- Multi-cultural experience is an advantage.

Please send your resumé to jobs@explorasiamail.com. Please indicate position applied for in the subject line. Walk-in applicants will not be entertained.



URGENTLY NEEDED

A leading distribution and trading company with nationwide operations is looking for people to fill-up the following new positions:

Sales Operations Supervisor

- Male, 28 to 35 years old
- Graduate of Industrial Engineering, Business Management or other related courses
- Minimum of 3 years experience as Sales Operations Supervisor with the following responsibilities: Manning, overseeing day to day activities and operations of the company.

Bookkeeper

- Graduate of BS Accountancy, female, between 24 to 30 years old
- With at least 3 years relevant experience in the same capacity
- Experienced in diverse Accounting functions such as payables, receivables, payroll, general ledger entries, account reconciliations and bank reconciliations.

Sales Officers (Motorcycle Tires)

- Graduate of any four-year course, male, 25 to 35 years old
- Must have at least 2 years experience in Sales.
- Able to develop sales leads, and with good communication skills
- Experience in sales and marketing of lubricants/motor oils or motorcycle parts/tires a definite advantage

Project Sales Officers (Sanitary & Bathroom Fixtures)

- Graduate of Civil, Mechanical Engineering or Architecture, male, 25 to 30 years old
- Must have at least 2 years experience in Sales
- Able to develop sales leads, and with good communication skills
- Adept in dealing with architects and engineers handling commercial, residential and institutional constructions
- Familiar or has experience in selling sanitary wares and bathroom fixtures
- Master plumbers who are willing to transfer to the Sales and Marketing field are also welcome to apply

Warehouseman

- Male, 25 to 30 years old, graduate of Industrial Engineering, Business Management or other related courses
- Must be well-versed with the basic principles of Distribution Process, Materials Management and Inventory Control
- Must know how to operate forklift, preferably with a valid driver's license

Drivers

- Male, 25 to 35 years old, at least high school graduate
- License with restriction code 1, 2, 3 and with experience as delivery van driver, preferably for 8-wheeler and 10-wheeler trucks
- Knowledgeable in basic trouble shooting.

Interested parties may apply personally and bring comprehensive resumé and latest 2x2 photo at

No. 70, 20th Ave., Murphy, Quezon City

c/o the Human Resources Department from Monday to Saturday or call 913-01-02 up to 04 local 104 and look for Lissa or Mai or send e-mail at tasco_inc@yahoo.com



ICRC

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence and to provide them with assistance. It also endeavors to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles.

The ICRC Delegation to the Philippines is looking for a suitable candidate to fill our vacancy for:

IT TECHNICIAN

REQUIREMENTS:

- Technical Knowledge or University degree in IT
- 4 years work experience in similar function
- Fluent in Written and spoken English
- Confirmed capacity to work independently
- Capacity to integrate and implement ICRC policies and procedures
- Capacity to train and organize work for other IT personnel
- Basic knowledge of VHF and HF
- Willingness of self-education in IT related fields
- Ability to work with people from various cultures
- Flexibility and commitment in times of emergency
- Eager to travel frequently

MAIN TASKS:

- Assists the IT responsible in the realization of large computer and telecommunication infrastructures
- Maintains and exploits existing medium infrastructure independently
- Provides support and introductory training to other IT personnel
- Represents the IT help desk for the users
- Deals with suppliers and other external interlocutors
- Supports the Manila delegation and Davao sub-delegation in all IT related issues

Assets:

- Previous experience working within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and/or other international humanitarian organisations,
- Strongly motivated to humanitarian work

What we offer:

- Good compensation package
- Interesting and rewarding work
- Humanitarian and international environment

Qualified applicants are requested to submit their comprehensive resume, recent NBI clearance and explain in their covering letter their motivation and interest in the position as well as salary expectation to the address below not later than 31 May 2007 to:

The Administrator, ICRC, 5th Floor, Erechem Bldg., Salcedo corner VA Rufino Streets, Legaspi Village, Makati City. Or by email: icrc_manila@yahoo.com.ph

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY



REGIONAL COMMUNICATION OFFICER EAST ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE

Oxfam America is a leading International Relief & Development organization with offices across the developing world working towards long-term solutions to global poverty & injustice. The East Asia Regional Office (EARO) in Phnom Penh is currently seeking an effective & motivated individual to join the team as the Regional Communication Officer.

SUMMARIZED PRIMARY

Responsibilities:

The RCO will provide leadership for Strategic Communications including:

- development & implementation of an overall, coherent, balanced & integrated regional communications strategy designed to maximize program impact, minimize brand risk & support program objectives.
- assisting each EARO program in developing & implementing a communication strategy to support their livelihood, natural resource management
- humanitarian response program objectives.
- strengthening the capacity of partner organizations in communications & support implementation.
- helping develop communication strategies to support OA and partner advocacy objectives.
- developing & maintaining relationships with media based in region; pitch stories as appropriate; write press releases & respond to media requests as needed.
- overall responsibility for video, print, web & e-communications, working to develop quality outputs designed to achieve regional program & corporate communications objectives also supporting internal communications & fundraising.
- training regional staff to work with the media as appropriate, to value & use Oxfam's brand.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Qualifications and Competencies
- A post-graduate degree in communications, public relations, journalism, media management
- At least five years (5yrs) relevant employment experience, preferably in the region & with some experience working in the field.
- Demonstrable experience in developing communications strategies.
- An excellent command of English; knowledge of other Mekong languages an advantage.
- Comprehensive computer skills including

proficiency in at least one publishing software.

- Excellent written & oral presentation skills & ability to communicate to a variety of audiences.
- Good knowledge of the media environment in the region.
- Strong people & facilitation skills. A team player who works well in multi-cultural environment, communicates readily & shares learning with colleagues, partners, beneficiaries & officials.
- A sound commitment to development, human rights & social justice issues.
- Gender awareness & commitment to gender equity principles

Preferred:

- Creative, able to work well under pressure, an ability to prioritize & meet deadlines.
- Confidence to work alone but to judge when help is needed or opportunity to share learning.
- Experience in development programs, preferably in East Asia.
- Demonstrable experience in supporting advocacy & campaigns, including popular mobilization
- Experience in website development & maintenance.
- Good knowledge & experience in media with some photography experience.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE COB 20th June 2007. The full job description can be obtained from eastasia@oxfamamerica.org or downloaded from <http://www.oxfamamerica.org>. Email applications, a CV and cover letter stating relevant experience & skills/knowledge, with a subject heading "APPLICATION FOR REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER POSITION". Women & regional Nationals are encouraged to apply



ACCOUNTANT

For Immediate Hiring

Requirements:

- Passed the CPA Board Exam.
- At least 2 year(s) experience in the related field required for this position.
- Should be 1-4 yrs experienced employee specializing in Finance General Accounting, and preferably not more than 35 years of age.

Responsibilities:

- knowledgeable in financial statement preparation & analysis/computer literate/knowledgeable in government required remittances & renewals.

BOOKKEEPER

Requirements:

- At least 1 year work experience in general accounting.

Ortigas Center, Pasig City • 636-6327 to 29 • Contact Des

COPY EDITOR (3 SLOTS)

- We're looking for wordsmiths who can edit reports with a critical eye and a sense of urgency.
- Daily deadlines are part of our life. So is coffee, working at night and keeping abreast of current events, trends and issues.
- The applicant must know how to tell a story in simple and direct English.
- A degree in Mass Communications is not a requirement but being a wide reader is high on the list.
- If you know MS Word, we can train you to use a special computer program geared for editors who write, edit and lay out pages.
- We value idealism and credibility.
- Working with CDN means you believe in the freedom of ideas and the call of a public service.
- If you seek the satisfaction of making a difference in the lives of thousands of readers in Cebu and cyberspace, this could be the job for you.

PROOFREADER

- College graduate preferably major in Mass Communication, Journalism
- Knowledge in Pagemaker, Photoshop, or any related pagination or editing software
- Proofreading Skills, Encoding Skills, Scanning Skills, Layouting Skills

Interested applicants should send their application letter and comprehensive resumé to:



CEBU DAILY NEWS
Kaohlung St. cor. S.Osmeña Road, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City 6000.

E-mail: spadillo@inquirer.com.ph; jreyes@inquirerpublications.ph

A well-established Agribusiness Equipment company has immediate opening for:

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

- Accounting graduate with initiative
- With 1-2 years work experience, below 30 yrs. old
- Computer literate
- Good opportunity with a very stable company

Please send your Resumé and Transcript of Records to:

M.C.P.O. Box 2258 Makati City 1261
belmont@belmontagri.com

We are a Manufacturing Company of Consumer Products with nationwide distribution & belonging to the Top 1000 Corporations.

We have vacancies for:

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

- Male, not more than 30 years old
- Graduate of Electrical Engineering
- Preferably residing in Laguna
- At least with 2 years experience in a manufacturing plant
- With knowledge in Electropneumatics
- Willing to work in Canlubang Plant

MECHANICAL ENGINEER

- Male, not more than 30 years old
- Graduate of Electrical Engineering
- Preferably residing in Laguna
- With experience in a manufacturing plant
- Willing to work in Canlubang Plant

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

- Male, not more than 30 years old
- College Graduate with good scholastic record
- Proficient in oral & written communication skills
- Good personality, honest, trustworthy & diligent

INTERNAL AUDITOR

- Female, single, not more than 27 years old
- Accounting Graduate with good scholastic record
- Must be proficient in oral and written communication skills
- Must be computer literate

Please send your resumé, transcript of records and passport size photo to:

P.O. Box 19240 Ortigas Center, Pasig City
E-mail: acs.sec@eastern.com.ph

NOW HIRING BRAND NEW YOGOS

Operations Requirements

DETAILING REPRESENTATIVES - DOCTOR AND REGISTERED NURSES

We are looking for Doctors and Registered Nurses with a minimum of two years related work experience. Candidates should have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word/Excel/PowerPoint. Highly competitive compensation package awaits successful candidates.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

We are looking for college graduates who have excellent communication skills. Applicants with 1 year or more experience in Customer Service in the call center industry are highly encouraged. Candidates should be well versed with navigating and typing using the computer. Fresh graduates are welcome. Applicant should be willing to be based in Shaw, Makati or Ortigas.

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME OUTBOUND SALES REPRESENTATIVES

We are looking for college graduates who have excellent communication skills. Experience in sales is a plus. Fresh graduates are welcome to apply. Candidates should be willing to be based in Ortigas or Marikina Riverbanks. Part-time positions will be based in Marikina.

COLLECTION REPRESENTATIVES

We are looking for college graduates who possess excellent communication skills. Experience in collection an advantage. Fresh graduates are welcome to apply. Applicants should be willing to be based in our Ortigas site.

**For Operations requirements please
walk in any of the following addresses:**

Ortigas
14th Floor Union Bank Plaza,
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Makati
18th Floor Tower 2, RCBC Plaza,
6819 Ayala Ave., Makati City

Marikina
Ground Floor ICT Bldg.,
Riverbanks Centre, Marikina

Management Requirements

TRAINING MANAGERS

We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who have excellent communication skills. MBA degree will be an advantage. Candidates should have at least 2-3 years training management experience preferably in the call center industry. Applicants should be willing to be based in Shaw Boulevard.

CLIENT SERVICES MANAGERS

We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who have excellent communication skills. MBA degree will be an advantage. Candidates should have at least 2-3 years client service/account management experience preferably in the call center industry.

CLIENT SERVICES COORDINATORS

We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who have excellent communication skills. Qualified candidates must possess excellent interpersonal skills and experience dealing with clients on a daily basis. Must be computer literate (MS Excel, PDF, PowerPoint and Word are a requirement) with the ability to evaluate programs/projects to client specifications. Minimum of 2 years telemarketing experience is required and inbound operations experience is preferred.

DIRECTOR FOR MARKETING AND TECHNOLOGY

We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who possess excellent communication skills. MBA degree will be an advantage. Candidates should have at least 3-5 years of call center senior management experience. A working knowledge of call center technologies is required. Back Office operation knowledge is a plus.

SENIOR OPERATIONS MANAGERS

We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who have excellent communication skills. MBA degree will be an advantage. Candidates should have at least 3-5 years call center operation management experience.

SENIOR MANAGERS - BACK OFFICE

We are looking for bachelor degree graduates who have excellent communication skills. MBA degree will be an advantage. Candidates should have at least 3-5 years back office management experience.

**For Management requirements
please email resumes to:**

**yogomanila
@ictgroup.com**



For walk-in applicants who want to be hired on the same day, please bring your NBI, SSS No. and TIN.

PHILIPPINE TATLER

The *Philippine Tatler*, Manila's Premiere Lifestyle and Society Magazine has immediate openings for:

SENIOR SALES MANAGER

Minimum of three years experience in the field of sales and marketing. Must be goal-oriented, pro-active and a team player. Experience in publication is an advantage.

FEATURE WRITER

Applicant must possess excellent grammar, creative writing skills, and should be highly resourceful. Must be adept at writing in a variety of styles, although strong emphasis is placed on lifestyle articles. Applicant must have good work ethics and discipline to comply with deadlines. Those with previous magazine/newspaper writing experience will be given priority.

COPY EDITOR

Highly knowledgeable in British English usage. Should have at least three years experience in newspapers or magazines. Must be able to meet tight deadlines.

ART DIRECTOR

Male or Female. Must possess a college degree with at least 3-5 years experience in magazine or publication work. Must be dynamic, creative and aggressive in coming up with fresh ideas. With a knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, In Design, Illustrator and Freehand.

SENIOR DESIGNER

Male or female, single, with at least 1-3 years experience in graphic design. Must be well versed in all design software including Adobe Photoshop, In Design, Illustrator and Freehand.

CREDIT AND COLLECTION STAFF

College graduate. Computer literate (MS Office Applications). Minimum of 2yrs experience in the same capacity. Excellent in oral and written communication. With unquestionable integrity. Experience in publication is an advantage.

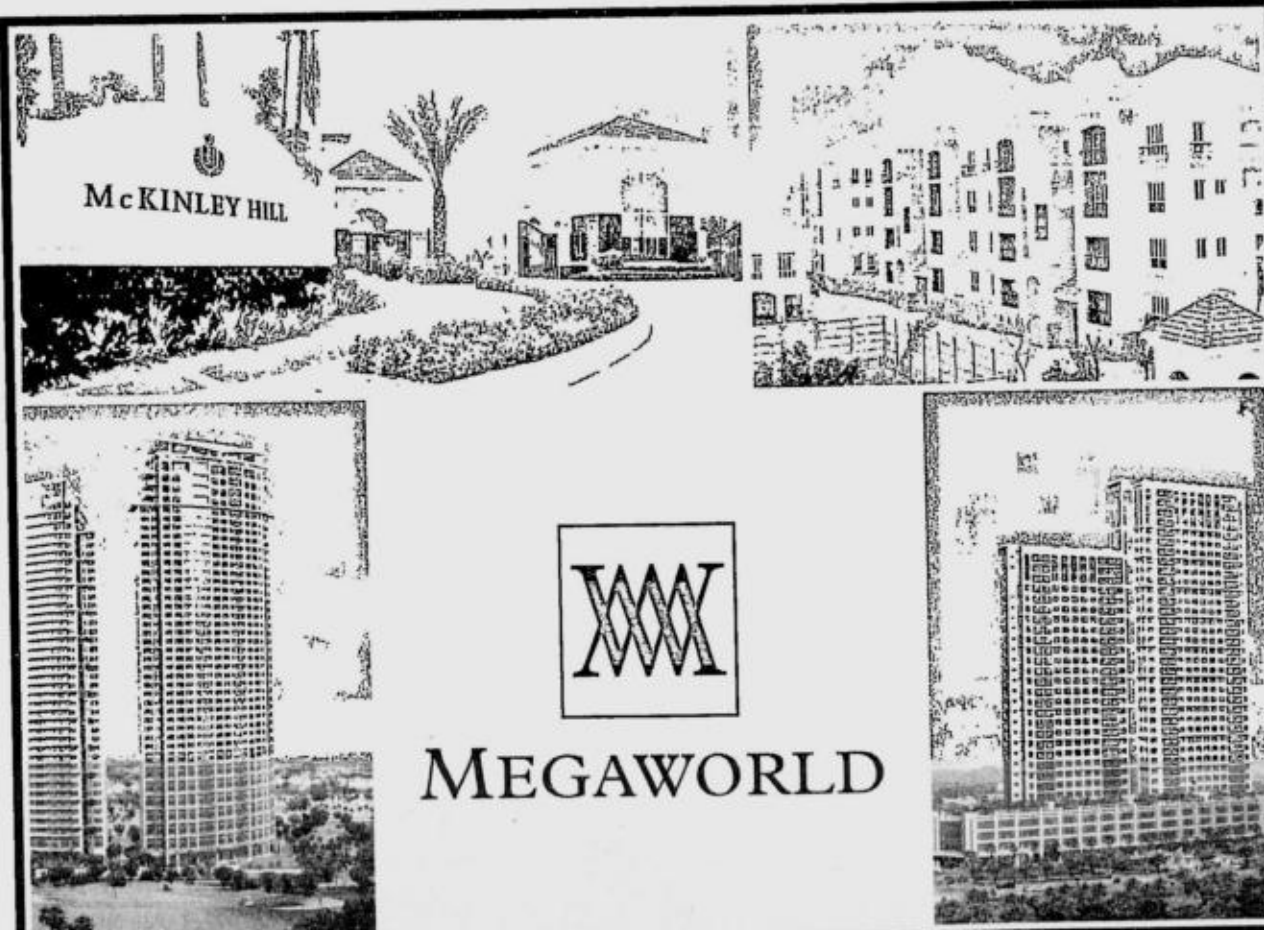
**THE PUBLISHER
PHILIPPINE TATLER**
Unit 11-A, 11th Floor, Manila Bank Building,
6772 Ayala Avenue, Makati City

TELEMARKETER / SALES REP.

- Female, single, not more than 28 yrs. old; at least 5'1"
- College graduate / level
- Typing, computer literate
- Sales experience an advantage
Apply in person:
#130 6th St. cor. 7th Ave., Grace Park, Caloocan City
Tel #364-8647

PART-TIME HOME-BASED BOOKKEEPER

- Female, 25-35 years old
- BS Accounting Graduate
- Knowledge in quickbooks preferred but not required
- Must own PC with reliable Internet connection
Send comprehensive resumé to:
rock886@aol.com



Move Up to a World of Opportunities as MEGAWORLD PROPERTY CONSULTANTS

Megaworld Corporation, the country's premier residential developer, specializes in upper-middle-income projects in the most preferred residential and commercial districts in metropolitan Manila.

Join Megaworld's dynamic team of Property Consultants who will be based in Bonifacio Global City, and reap the rewards of an exceptional career in real estate sales.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduate in Marketing, Business Administration or any related four-year course
- With excellent communication skills
- With pleasing personality
- Experience in sales an advantage

Fresh graduates are welcome to apply.

Please bring your resumé and 2x2 photo to The Forbes Town Center Grand Showroom, 26th Street corner Rizal Drive, Crescent Park West, Bonifacio Global City (beside UCC Café). Or e-mail the above to training@megaworldcorp.com or training_megaworldcorp@yahoo.com. For more details, please call 840-0549 loc. 133 to 134.

**Attractive Compensation Package, Extensive Training Programs
and a Fulfilling Career Await Qualified Applicants!**

URGENT RECRUITMENT



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) together with the Regional Programme on Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) is in search of qualified individuals to work as part of the PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF) Secretariat Services to be located in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

POST TITLE : TECHNICAL OFFICER FOR COMMUNICATIONS
ENTRY LEVEL : GSC-9

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Executive Director, the Technical Officer for Communications shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, operationalizing and monitoring the implementation of the COMMUNICATE strategy of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA).

The incumbent will coordinate with partners, collaborators, donors and other organizations on the development and implementation of the strategy.

He/She will identify areas for improvement and facilitation of information exchange and networking among partners and participants in the implementation of the SDS-SEA, including countries of the region, UN and international agencies, regional programmes and projects, IFIs, scientists, non-governmental organizations and the public at large.

MINIMUM RECRUITMENT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education:** Masters Degree in Mass Communications, Journalism, English or other related discipline.
- Experience:** 3-5 years experience in communications and advocacy, as well as media relations. Experience in working with government and non-government organizations is an advantage. Experience in knowledge management an advantage.
- Language requirements:** Excellent writing and oral communication skills in English. Knowledge of other languages of the East Asian region an advantage.
- Other Requirements:**
 - Working knowledge of development organizations;
 - Good organizational and planning skills;
 - Good interpersonal skills, ability to deal with all kinds of personalities and to inspire cooperation and team work
 - Technology awareness: Fully proficient computer skills and use of relevant software and other applications, e.g. word processing, graphics software, spreadsheets and other statistical applications, Internet, etc.

POST TITLE : TECHNICAL OFFICER FOR EVENT MANAGEMENT AND SDS MONITORING
ENTRY LEVEL : GSC-9

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the general guidance and supervision of the Executive Director and the direct supervision of the Senior Programme Officer for Secretariat Support, the Technical Officer for Event Management and SDS Monitoring is responsible for the organization of the EAS Congress, including the Ministerial Forum, in close cooperation with the PRF Technical Services, as well as the conduct of regular monitoring and evaluation of the progress in the implementation of programs of national governments and partners related to the SDS-SEA. The incumbent will also assist the Senior Programme Officer in the conduct of the meetings of the EAS Partnership Council and Executive Committee.

He/She works closely with all the members of the PRF Secretariat Services Staff, and coordinates with the PRF Technical Services Staff and project staff in other organizations, colleagues from PEMSEA Partner Organizations, Collaborators and Networks as may be necessary to attain the objective.

The Technical Officer, Event Management and SDS Monitoring, promotes a client, quality and results-oriented approach. He/She ensures that the resources of the PRF Secretariat Services are used optimally and in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures.

MINIMUM RECRUITMENT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education:** Masters Degree in English, Communications, International Relations, Foreign Service, Policy/ Administration.
- Experience:** 3-5 years working experience, especially in organizing large-scale intergovernmental and multisectoral conferences, highly adept in organizational development
- Language requirements:** Excellent command of spoken and written English.
- Other Requirements:**
 - Good organizational and planning skills;
 - Consultation and interpersonal skills;
 - Knowledge in coastal and ocean management;
 - Ability to network among government agencies and non-government stakeholders in implementing national or regional/ international programmes of action;
 - Ability to synthesize meeting discussions and issues verbally and in writing.
 - Technology awareness: Fully proficient computer skills and use of relevant software and other applications, e.g. word processing, graphics software, spreadsheets and other statistical applications, Internet, etc.

POST TITLE : FINANCE ASSISTANT
ENTRY LEVEL : SC-5

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the general guidance of the Executive Director and direct supervision of the Finance Manager/Head, the Finance Assistant shall perform general accounting services for the PRF Secretariat and Technical Services, including for the various activities and events of the EAS Partnership Council, EAS Congress, Ministerial Forum and Executive Committee.

He/She shall handle bookkeeping, bank transactions, accounts analysis, balance sheets of PRF transactions, contracts monitoring and disbursements.

The Finance Assistant promotes a client, quality and results-oriented approach. He/She ensures that the resources of the PRF Secretariat Services are used optimally and in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures.

MINIMUM RECRUITMENT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education:** A Certified Public Accountant
- Experience:** Five (5) years experience with an international organization in the field of Finance and Accounting, experience in the UN/ATLAS system an advantage
- Language requirements:** Good command of the English language, written and oral.
- Other Requirements:** Computer literacy, proficiency in the use of various software applications (MS Word, MS Project, Excel, financial systems), adequate knowledge and practical experience in handling of web-based management systems; good analytical ability.

POST TITLE : ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
ENTRY LEVEL : SC-5

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the guidance of the Executive Director and direct supervision of the Senior Administrative Assistant, the Administrative Assistant will assist in the operational management of the PRF Secretariat Services particularly in the areas of recruitment, personnel administration and documentation, purchasing, supplies coordination, transport, equipment maintenance and repair, shipping, logistics support, documents reproduction, housekeeping, and office security.

He/She shall provide support in the execution of administrative actions, overseeing ongoing activities in several administrative areas in support of substantial programme activities. He/She shall have extensive external contacts required for negotiation and maintenance of the provision of administrative services.

The Administrative Assistant promotes a client, quality and results-oriented approach. He/She ensures that the resources of the PRF Secretariat Services are used optimally and in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures.

MINIMUM RECRUITMENT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education:** Bachelor's degree in Business, Public Administration, Economics, or other related fields
- Experience:** Five (5) years experience in administrative services work, preferably in a multi-cultural environment. Experience in the UN system an advantage, but not required
- Language requirements:** Good command of the English language, both oral and written
- Other Requirements:** Computer literacy, proficiency in the use of various software applications (MS Word, MS Project, Excel, etc.), ability to learn specific automated systems, adequate knowledge and practical experience in handling of web-based management systems

POST TITLE : PROGRAMME ASSISTANT (GENERAL SECRETARIAL)
ENTRY LEVEL : SC-4

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the direct supervision and guidance of the Executive Director, the Programme Assistant will provide effective support services to the PRF Secretariat Services in such concerns as documentation, clerical efficiency, guest relations, correspondence and records management, proceedings/action items from in-house meetings, engagements coordination, communications, travel and accommodation arrangements, office housekeeping and such other administrative support services.

The Programme Assistant promotes a client, quality and results-oriented approach. He/She ensures that the resources of the PRF Secretariat Services are used optimally and in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures.

MINIMUM RECRUITMENT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education:** Degree in Liberal Arts, Social Science course or Secretarial Science
- Experience:** At least 5 years secretarial and/or clerical support with a minimum of 2 years acting as a main support staff to a senior member to an organization
- Language requirements:** Good command of the English language, both oral and written
- Other Requirements:** Computer literacy, proficiency in the use of various software applications (MS Word, MS Project, Excel, etc.), ability to learn specific automated systems, adequate knowledge and practical experience in handling of web-based management systems

Applicants are requested to complete the UN Personal History Form (P.11), available in the UNDP website www.unep.org.ph/jobs, along with detailed Job Descriptions for each post, and return the completed form via courier or fax to:

Development Services Support Center
United Nations Development Programme
30th Floor, Yuchengco Tower
RCBC Plaza, Ayala corner Bas, Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Fax: (632) 9010200 / 8997177.

Indicating the Post Title on or before 31 May 2007. Only completed P.11 forms will be reviewed.

Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be accepted and only the short-listed candidates will be contacted

Höegh Fleet Services Is Expanding!!!

We are in need of the following
for our Pure Car and Truck Carrier vessels

For Immediate Deployment

CHIEF OFFICERS
SECOND ENGINEERS
JUNIOR OFFICERS & ENGINEERS
with higher licenses

- Extra Jr. Deck Officer and Deckboys onboard our vessels
- Fourth Engineers and Electricians on all vessels
- Attractive compensation package: wages, bonuses, and other benefits
- Company-sponsored trainings here and abroad with basic wages, allowances, free accommodation and transportation costs
- P&I insurance coverage while on vacation
- Good rotation system for employment and vacation
- Opportunity for career advancement up to the highest level

Please visit our office or apply online at

Höegh Fleet Services Phils., Inc.
4677 Hoegh Building Arellano St., Palanan, Makati City
Telephone Number: 5518592
E-mail Address : admin.hfsp@hoegh.com
Website: www.hfsp.com.ph
POEA License No.: 342-SB-111604-R

LOOKING FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT?

SUBSCRIBE TO TXTPOEA AND GET A LIST OF
OFFICIAL JOB VACANCIES.

**OVER 200,000 OVERSEAS JOB
OPENINGS DAILY**

TO SUBSCRIBE, SIMPLY TEXT : **POEA JOB <JOB DESIRED>**
TO 276 FOR SMART AND
2385 FOR GLOBE.

EXAMPLE : **POEA JOB CAREGIVER**

YOU WILL REGULARLY RECEIVE THE NAME OF A
RECRUITMENT AGENCY, CONTACT NUMBER AND ADDRESS,
AND THE JOB OPENING AND COUNTRY LOCATION.

FOR OTHER FEATURES OF TXTPOEA, SUCH AS VERIFICATION
OF THE REGISTRATION STATUS OF RECRUITMENT AGENCIES
AND HELP AVOID ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT, YOU CAN TEXT:
POEA HELP.

Cost per text is P2.50

Looking for a new and exciting career?

Be part of a fast growing wellness business. We invite male and female **Sales Executives** with college education, medical or science background, enthusiastic, smart looking, good personality, public relations, preferably with sales experience and willing to work hard to break sales records. Allowances, attractive commissions and incentives will be paid to the right candidates.

Send your resume with recent picture and tell us why we should hire you at:

STARGROUP ASIA MANAGEMENT CORP.
9F Rufino Plaza Bldg., 6784 cor. VA Rufino St.
& Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Email address: jggonzaless6257@yahoo.com

ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY

San Juan, Metro Manila
needs

TEACHERS

The applicant must be:

1. 21 to 30 years old
2. a BSE graduate for High School and BEED graduate for Grade School and Pre-School
3. proficient in English

Bring credentials

Apply at:

148 Jose Gil Street (the former Valenzuela Street)
San Juan, Metro Manila
email: sja@pldtdsl.net

BE COMP.LIT!

Today, being **COMPUTER LITERATE** is a must. Age, gender and educational attainment are no longer excuses why you cannot use a computer. Enroll now for **ONLY PHP2,000** and learn all the basics needed. Topics covered would be:

Hardware MS Word MS PowerPoint
MS Windows MS Excel The Internet

RITC
ENTER

Unit 1115, 11/F, City & Land Mega Plaza, ADB
Avenue corner Gamut Road, Ortigas Center
914-7538, (917) 854-3017

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

WELDER/FABRICATOR

With knowledge in indoor/outdoor signages

GRAPHIC ARTIST

With knowledge in large format printing & operation

If you are interested to apply please submit your bio-data/resume to:

WALLWIDE PRINTING INC.
#11 Freemont Arcade, Shaw Blvd.,
Brgy. San Antonio, Pasig City
634-1510 / 0921-4137643

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION

e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph
Main Office: Pasong Tamo, Makati City
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 8974808
G/F Atrium Bldg., Makati Ave., Makati City
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
St. Anthony's Bldg., Aurora Blvd., Quezon City
☎ 9129008-11 ☎ 9129011
SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
G/F Trinity Bldg., 636 T.M. Kalaw St., Manila
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
Alabang, Muntinlupa City
☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
Classifieds Hotline: ☎ 637-2008

Find your next adventure here.

I am
a trailblazer.
I am SYKES.

Career Opportunities

- Customer Service Representatives
- Multi-Lingual Customer Service Representatives
- Senior Technical Support Engineers
- Technical Support Professionals
- Technical Support Representatives

SYKES
Taking you further.
We are a family of global businesses dedicated to customer care.

JOB VISIT US AT www.jobmarketonline.com

If you've got the skills...JUST ENTER!

We are searching for SEASONED CALL CENTER PROFESSIONALS for

TECHNICAL SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Start date: JUNE 4, 2007 Entry-Level Package: P20,000++ monthly

- Interested candidates must be willing to work in Quezon City
- Experience in handling a V.O.I.P. service Account a plus
- Working knowledge in FIREWALL and ROUTER applications an advantage
- TIER 2 Tech Support experienced candidates also welcome

OTHER MANAGERIAL/SUPPORT OPENINGS:

Client Relations Manager
Inbound Phone Operations Manager
Operations Director
Technical Support Trainer
Core Skills Trainer



EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE!

Makati City
15th Floor, Tower 2, RCBC Plaza,
Ayala corner Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue

Quezon City
1024 Global Trade Center Building,
Epifanio Delos Santos Avenue (EDSA)

Monday to Friday, 7AM to 3PM



www.vxi.com

Email: careersph@vxi.com

Neungyule Education is both a publishing & educational company specializing in English Education since 1980

450 English Instructors (Part time & Full time) No graveyard shift & No work on Sat. & Sun.

The company is committed to providing, facilitating and delivering the fundamentals of English required through On-Line Teaching, to instill and hone the skills essential in learning the English language

- ❖ Entry levels are encouraged to Apply
- ❖ Proficient in written and spoken English
- ❖ Zero to three years of related work experience, or formal specialized job-related training

We include Accent Training, Training Allowance and a Competitive Compensation.

If you want to be a part of a fun, dynamic and fast-growing organization, please send your resumé to:

neung_yule@yahoo.com

Contact us at: 0917-5744356
(Company Mobile Phone. Available from 9am to 6pm)

Landline No.: 02-709-0589 / 437-3784 / 437-7984
Fax: 02-709-0581

www.hello-et.com/www.neungyule.com
or visit us at 9th Floor IBM Plaza, Eastwood City,
Libis, Quezon City

A well-established company has opening for:

Sales Manager Feed Milling & Grain Storage Equipment

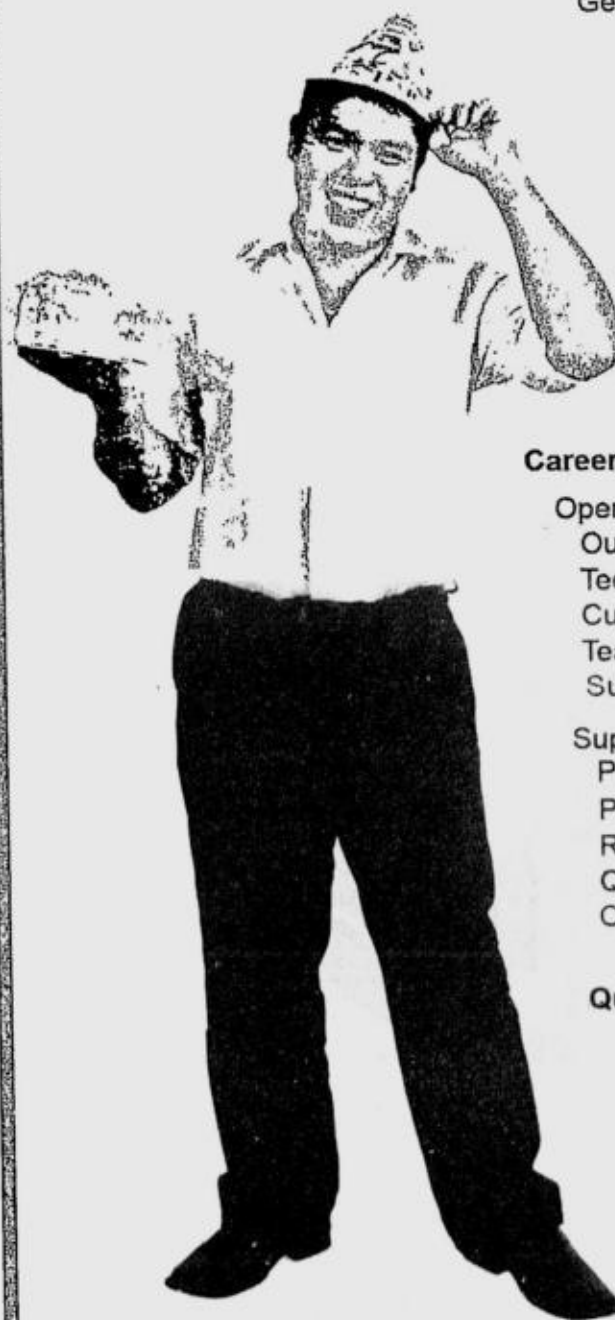
We seek a top-level person, knowledgeable and with strong contacts in this industry.

- Proven outstanding earnings opportunity for person who can produce results.
- Medical and other company benefits

Please send your resumé to:

MCPO Box 2258 Makati 1262
belmont@belmontagri.com

"I have time for my family now!"



Get your life back with Acquire Asia Pacific.

- DAYSHIFT!
- Above Industry Compensation and Benefits Package
- Premium Pay for Experience
- Limitless Opportunities for Growth

Work with **dodo**, the fastest growing telco in Australia. Get that dodo fever and fly high with a competitive compensation and a healthier lifestyle.

Career Opportunities:

Operations:

Outbound Sales Representatives (700)
Technical Support Representatives (300)
Customer Service Representatives (300)
Team Leaders (10)
Super Sales Team (30)

Support:

Program Manager (1)
Project Recruiter (3)
Reports Analyst (4)
Quality Assurance (40)
Call Center Manager (1)

Qualifications:

For Operations:

- At least 6 months call center experience handling international accounts

For Support:

- At least 1 year of experience in the same capacity.

Send your resume to:

Careers.agent@acquireap.com - for Agent positions
Careers.nonagent@acquireap.com - for Non Agent positions
or Log on to:
www.acquireasiapacific.com

ACQUIRE

We
Technical Support Agent

Acquire Asia Pacific Philippines is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

NOW HIRING

Xceptional People Wanted

Text : "Eperformax <space> your name
<space>'yes' or 'no' if you have call center
experience <space> 'yes' will accept phone
call today" (must use capital "E")
send to 09178902327

Phone: 490.22.88
7th Floor, BPI Buendia Center
Senator Gil Puyat Avenue
Makati City, 1200
Email: yourcareer@eperformax.com

For detailed job descriptions, log on to
www.ihavethetalent.com

ePERFORMAX
CONTACT CENTERS



MAKATI | MANILA | NORTH EDSA | ORTIGAS | SAN LAZARO | SUCAT

STORE OPERATIONS

cashiers

- female, college level/graduate

checkers

- male or female, college level/graduate

sales utility clerks / stock clerks

- male, high school graduate

sales clerks

- female, high school graduate

All candidates must be between 18 to 25 years old, at least 5'2" (females) / 5'6" (males)

Interested parties may apply personally at the

HR DEPARTMENT
of the abovementioned branches

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Please be in proper business attire
(Females: blouse & skirt / Males: Polo & slacks)

Bring comprehensive resume, 2 pcs. 2x2 colored picture w/ white background,
SSS Number / SSS Employment History printout
plus original and photocopy of Transcript of Records and Diploma



UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND
For every Child
Health, Education, Equality, Protection
ADVANCE HUMANITY

FUNDRAISING OFFICER (Private Sector Division)

This post is primarily responsible for the development, implementation, and evaluation of all corporate partnership fundraising activities in order to raise funds to support UNICEF Philippines Country Office.

- Assess the potential for corporate fundraising in the Philippines.
- Identify opportunities to expand existing corporate partnerships as well as develop and maintain new ones
- Assist in the development of corporate fundraising strategies and implementation of various relevant activities, i.e. corporate philanthropy, special events, etc.
- Assist in managing overall corporate fundraising data and information including report generation and budgeting, as well as the administrative and operational tasks for fundraising activities

Selection Criteria

- University degree in Marketing, Economics, Communication, Fundraising or Business Administration; Sound and up-to-date knowledge of corporate partnership management
- Two years of professional experience in the relevant field or five years of progressive responsible work experience in business development and management with particular focus on fundraising/ marketing/ communication activities
- Fluency in written and spoken English and Filipino

Please send your application on or before May 31, 2007
via e-mail, post or fax to:

The HR Unit, UNICEF Manila
31/F Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza,
6819 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Fax No. 901-0196
e-mail: gfernandez@unicef.org

Applications from qualified women are encouraged.
We only reply to shortlisted candidates.
UNICEF is a non-smoking environment.

ACCOUNTING STAFF

FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING
(Medical Association)

- Female
- Not more than 35 years old
- Accounting graduate
- Knowledge in Quickbooks would be an advantage
- Good in written and oral communications
- Hardworking, dependable and can work under minimum supervision
- With at least 2 years accounting work experience

APPLICANTS may send their Letter of Application and resumé thru e-mail address:

pcs@pcs.org.ph

Attention to : Business Office

WANTED FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

A Fashion Brand Company is in need of

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES

- Must be college graduate
- M-F, 21-28 years old
- Aggressive but must be pleasant and personable
- With sales work experience preferred but not necessary
- Driving skills is a plus but not a requirement.
- Willing to travel.

Applicants may send their resumé to
joymonty1107@yahoo.com or to **Penthouse 3**
Landsdale Tower, 86 Mother Ignacia St., QC not later
than June 15, 2007.



ICCT COLLEGES
FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING !

A tertiary educational institution has various openings for the following positions: preferably holder of appropriate masteral degrees with good command of the English language. Salary commensurate to qualifications.
Job openings at: **Angono, Antipolo, Cainta, San Mateo and Sumulong.**

ACADEMIC (full time / part time faculty)
College of Nursing College of Computer Science / IT
College of Criminology
College of Arts and Sciences (English, Filipino and Mathematics)

TECHNICAL VOC. PROGRAM (full time/part time faculty)
Barista, Call Center, Hotel & Rest. Mgmt., Medical Transcription & Welding

NON-ACADEMIC
Licensed Librarian, Guidance Counselor, Admin Staff, Accounting Clerk

CISCO - CCNA, CCIE OR CCDA

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

WEBPAGE DEVELOPER

Please send your resume complete with 2x2 colored picture, medical, NBI clearance, copy of diploma, transcript of records, birth certificate and reference letter. **MAIL to:** P.O. Box 559 Greenhills, San Juan.

MOHAMMED A. AL-SWAILEM CO. LTD.

(Riyadh Head Office, K.S.A.)

A 5-STAR HOTEL IN SAUDI ARABIA IS
IN NEED OF THE FF. WORKERS

- Housekeeper
- Floor Supervisor
- Health Club Supervisor
- Laundry Supervisor
- Head Kitchen Chef
- Pastry/Bakery Chef
- Chef De Partie (Hot/Cold)
- Receiving/Cost Controller Officer
- Chief Accountant
- Shift Engineer
- HVAC Technician
- Maintenance Technician
- Bell Captain
- Restaurant Captain

FOR INTERESTED APPLICANTS,
PLEASE BRING THE FF. DOCUMENTS

- Bio-data or Curriculum Vitaé with 4 pcs. 2x2 Colored Pictures
- Diploma and Transcript of Record
- Certificate of Employment
- NBI Clearance
- Passport

QUALIFICATIONS

- Conversant in English
- Male or Female, 21 to 40 years old
- At least High School graduate, or graduate of Special Vocational Courses, or College Degree holder a plus factor
- At least three (3) years Work Experience

JERR SERVICES & TRADING CORP.

(POEA Lic. No. 223-LB-121306-R)
2F, Jerr Bldg., #511 Alonso St., Malate, Manila
Tel. Nos. 521-2996 / 521-8928
Fax No. 521-5742
Email Address: jerr_services@yahoo.com
or jerr_426@pltdsl.net

"FOR MANPOWER POOLING ONLY"
"NO FEES TO BE COLLECTED"
BEWARE OF ILLEGAL RECRUITERS!!!

URGENTLY NEED

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

- Male or female, not more than 25 years of age
- Accounting graduate, proficient in general accounting and financial statements preparation
- Computer literate
- Good oral and written English communication
- Responsive, takes initiative, and does not require close supervision

Interested applicants must submit personally their bio-data (w/ photo) and transcript of records to:

MENZI AGRICULTURAL CORPORATION
20th Floor, Security Bank Centre
6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City

NO PLACEMENT FEE



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
JEDDAH, K.S.A. Reg. #10072362

• NURSES (ALL AREAS)

All candidates must have 2 years experience in a 200 beds hospital.

• BIOMEDICAL STATISTICIANS

QUALIFICATIONS: Will work as SR. DATA ANALYST. A Bachelor's Degree in Statistics or Biostatistics with 6 yrs. relevant professional experience would meet the minimum requirements. Additional advance coursework beyond the master's degree may be included as experience. OR an equivalent combination or relevant education AND/OR experience.

• SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS (M/F)

QUALIFICATIONS: With 3 years related working experience in the same field. Training is required.



CAREER PLANNERS SPECIALISTS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
2/F David Building II 561 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City
Tel. 7230686 / 7236730 / 7184095 / 7257026 Fax: 7239083

E-mail address: recruit@pltdsl.net; manpower@pltdsl.net
Website: www.careerplanners.com.ph
CP: 0917-8553448 / 0917-8553452

Beware of Illegal Recruiters • Manpower Pooling Only •
No Fees To Be Collected

Explore the most global hotel company.

InterContinental Hotels Group is the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms. InterContinental Hotels Group owns, manages, leases or franchises, through various subsidiaries, over 3,700 hotels and 556,246 guest rooms in nearly 100 countries and territories around the world. The Group owns a portfolio of well recognized and respected hotel brands including InterContinental® Hotels & Resorts, CrownePlaza® Hotels & Resorts, Holiday Inn® Hotels and Resorts, Holiday Inn Express®, StaybridgeSuites®, Candlewood Suites® and Hotel Indigo®, and also manages the world's largest hotel loyalty programme, Priority Club® Rewards with over 31 million members worldwide.



Address: 29/F, Tower II, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Ave, Makati City
Website: www.ihg-careers.com, www.ihg.com
Email: phlro.resumes@ihg.com
Tel: 8578800 Fax: 8578881

Our Philippine Reservations Center is looking for:

1 HR SPECIALIST

Job summary

- Will be responsible in handling HR functions pertaining to Compensation and Benefits, Employee Relations, Discipline and Policies through preparation of reports, drafting recommendations and implementation
- Provides assistance to employees in all levels within the organization regarding various work-related issues.

Requirements

- Should have a College degree in any of the following fields: Human Resources, Psychology, Organizational Development, Business Administration
- With 3 or more years of business exposure in Human Resources environment, systems, terminology and processes
- Displays above average communication skills, both written and verbal
- Highly organized and systematic, and has a keen eye for detail
- Is proactive and exudes confidence in decision making
- Highly organized, capable of managing workload in a fast-paced environment, and can do multi-tasking
- Possesses excellent work ethics and values
- Must be willing to work on a rotating shift

2 REPORTING ANALYSTS

Job summary

- Supports strategic and tactical marketing and business issues for global clients
- Provides analytical support on operational and program structure issues for marketing programs
- Provides analysis and reporting for ongoing and adhoc projects
- Assists in compiling lists of email and direct mail recipients based on statistical models built by senior consultants using SAS querying tool

Requirements

- Must have a degree in Business, Marketing, Statistics, Economics or related field
- At least 2 years working with relational decision-support databases (preferably a data warehousing environment), along with demonstrated quantitative skills
- Strong experience with SAS and SQL
- Must be able to prioritize and handle multiple projects
- Must be able to communicate technical information to non-technical audiences
- Must be able to work with minimal supervision

3 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES / RESERVATION SALES AGENTS

(English, Spanish, Arabic, Korean* or Japanese*)

Job summary

- Represents the Company by coordinating all aspects of Priority Club Programs and serves as liaison between the guest and hotels in order to maintain member satisfaction
- Delivers Individualized Customer Experiences by focusing on finding hotel accommodations that will best fit our guests needs

Requirements

- Must be a Bachelor/College degree holder
- Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills in one of the following languages: English, Spanish, Arabic, Korean* or Japanese*
- Customer service and/or sales experience an advantage
- Education and experience in the hospitality or IT industry an advantage
- Must be willing to work on a rotating shift
- Fresh graduates are encouraged to apply

* Korean and Japanese-speaking CSR's must be native speakers and will be working on day shift

Other available positions:

E-Contacts Web Support, Hotel Performance Support Specialists and Data Management Coordinators.

IHG Employees enjoy:

Competitive Salary and Benefit Packages, Results-Oriented Training and Development, Aggressive Internal Promotion, Performance Bonuses, Sales Incentives, Non-Taxable Allowances, Attendance Bonus, Merit Increase, Employee Referral Incentive, Educational Assistance, Discounts in all of our hotels worldwide



NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY



VACANCY NO. : 2007/03 ALD
DATE ISSUED : 20 May 2007
CLOSING DATE : 1 June 2007

POST TITLE : Partnership and Social Mobilization Programme Officer - UNAIDS, Philippines
ENTRY LEVEL : ALD Band A3
OFFICE & LOCATION : UNAIDS - Manila
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT : Activities of Limited Duration (ALD)

A. ORGANIZATIONAL SETTING

Under the supervision of the UNAIDS Country Coordinator, the Partnership and Social Mobilization Programme Officer (PSMO) will work with the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC), its partners and the UN Theme Group on HIV/AIDS, to strengthen the UNAIDS' contribution to effective national leadership and strategic management of AIDS country programme, primarily through: a) facilitating and supporting the development and/or strengthening of national partnership forums, inclusive of civil society and private sector; and b) mobilizing increased sustainable involvement of actors/key players from all sectors in the Philippines in order to accelerate its response to HIV and AIDS.

B. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support processes to develop and strengthen strategic partnerships and alliances for an expanded response in the Philippines by:
 - Facilitating and supporting the establishment of multi-sectoral national partnership forum led by the PNAC;
 - Providing support for the operationalization of self-coordinating mechanisms of the different constituencies and mobilize resources to facilitate capacity building where required;
 - Promoting and facilitating collaboration and joint action between the various constituencies to drive a multisectoral and expanded response, including strengthening linkages between UNGASS commitments and development efforts on poverty-reduction programmes and MDGs;
 - Assisting in harmonizing procedures and systems for encouraging sustained and meaningful participation of civil society (including faith-based organizations and church groups, private sector, media, overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) organizations, women's groups, groups of people living with HIV (PLHIV), among others) in major initiatives such as the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM), the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS (GCWA), the World AIDS Campaign, the Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+) and major initiatives by private foundations and multilateral and bilateral development organizations;
 - Facilitating a structured process to define, operationalize and harmonize systematic sub-national and local mechanisms which support stakeholders at the decentralized levels to coordinate their response to HIV and AIDS effectively;
 - Sharing information on progress and constraints and documenting experiences and lessons learn from the overall strengthening of the coordination functions of the PNAC;
 - Monitoring and evaluating the partnership forum, as part of the overall common M&E framework for all stakeholders.
- Facilitate and support the active engagement of civil society - especially those most affected and vulnerable - for social dialogue, policy development and programme implementation by:
 - Building on existing frameworks (or, if required, facilitating the development of a new one) for civil society participation, facilitating a better understanding between the state and civil society to be able to work in effective partnership;
 - Ensuring that space is provided for civil society and PLHIV associations to contribute to policy and strategic planning development, policy dialogue and programme implementation, as well as M&E, through partnership forums;
 - Advocating, facilitating and supporting the participation of a broad range of civil society entities including NGOs (especially those assisting PLHIV, CBOs, faith-based organizations and church groups, business groups, private companies, media and others
 - In national strategic planning processes, as part of strengthening multisectoral response especially in the areas of:
 - Prevention
 - Care, support and treatment
 - Human rights issues, especially discrimination and stigma reduction.
 - Supporting and facilitating capacity building of the PLHIV community as advocates, social mobilizers and service providers;
 - Facilitating the coordination of support from international civil society organizations and NGOs;
 - Supporting human capacity development of civil society organizations by facilitating exchanges within and between countries on good practice and lessons learnt on effective programmes and supporting innovative capacity building initiatives, including professionalization of NGOs;
 - Supporting monitoring and evaluation efforts in working with governments and civil society on proper assessments of treatment needs, costs and progress and facilitating data collection through the Country Response Information System (CRIS).

C. QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education: Post-graduate degree in social sciences or health, or equivalent academic preparation.
- Language: Excellent knowledge of English and a working knowledge of UN official language at duty station, if different.
- Functional and technical knowledge: Strong interpersonal, representational, communication and advocacy skills. Ability to facilitate and strengthen involvement of a range of external partners in AIDS work. Knowledge of UN system and development issues. Understanding of AIDS epidemic and its implications is highly desirable.
- Professional Experience: At least 5 years experience in civil society mobilization, collaboration and partnerships development in the Philippines. Considerable knowledge, expertise and experience of the Philippine environment in the field of HIV and AIDS and with fostering partnerships with a range of sectors, including civil society, government and intergovernmental organizations. Broad experience in working with and mobilizing a range of external partners.

The selected candidate will receive a salary that is commensurate with his/her background and work experience. Applicants are requested to complete the UN Personal History Form (P.11), available in our website www.undp.org.ph/jobs/ and send to:

Human Resources Unit
United Nations Development Programme
30th Floor, Yuchengco Tower 1, RCBC Plaza
Ayala Ave., Cor. San Gil Puyal Ave., Makati City

Indicate the Vacancy No. and Post Title on or before 1 June 2007. Kindly note that only completed P.11 forms will be reviewed

UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. Please note that we will contact only the short-listed candidates.

EARN YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL WITH OUR P15B INVENTORY!



Responsible for the conceptualization and implementation of sales plans, strategies and programs to ensure that sales targets are met accordingly. Responsible also for recruiting, developing, training and managing the sales force in enhancing their sales competence and expand client reach.

- Must be market oriented with sales discipline
- Professional and systematic team player
- Passion for success and with leadership values

Highest earning potential awaits you...

- With monthly earnings as much as P95,000
- Plus semi-annual earnings as much as P570K
- And annual earning potential of up to P1.185M

With a standard incentive program that will allow you to double your earning every 6 months!

You may also e-mail your resume to: hrd@earthandstyle.com



EARTH+STYLE
Your Lifestyle Property Developer

Earth+Style is a lifestyle property developer committed to enhance the quality of life by creating communities, fulfilling aspirations, and offering lifestyle solutions to the Filipino family.

We live by our mission of championing the Filipino middle income family while being steadfast in our commitment to grow in relevance and aligning our family and careers.

Earth+Style is a stable, vibrant organization devoted to nurturing its people towards their full potential and making them partners in growth.

JOIN OUR QUEST FOR GROWTH

Visit us at: 37th Floor, Orient Square Bldg.
Don Francisco Ortigas Jr. Road
(formerly Emerald Avenue)
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

FIG-VISA & IMMIGRATION SERVICES

A LOT OF MIGRATION OPPORTUNITIES AWAITING for YOU in:

U.S.A., AUSTRALIA, U.K., CANADA & NEW ZEALAND

GO there NOW!!!

THROUGH the Fastest, Shortest, Legal, Reliable & Affordable Ways in less than one year process..

GRAB this opportunity - contact us now:

Faith in God Visa & Immigration Services
371 Cert. No. 0005394
Unit 4E Calamba Executive Center, Brgy. Uno, Crossing Calamba City
Tel/Fax: (049) 545-0501 Mobile No: 0920-8523742 0918-2022043

SPECIALIZATION:

- FIANCEE, SPOUSE, FAMILY & WORK PETITIONS, STUDENT, TOURIST & DEPENDENT VISAS, NEW & DENIED CASES
- CANADA, AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND SKILLED FAMILY & BUSINESS MIGRATION
- VISA APPLICATION REVIEW & INTERVIEW PREPARATION SERVICE
- AUSTRALIA, U.K., NEW ZEALAND & CANADA INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MIGRATION PROGRAM WITH WORK PERMIT, - LEADING TO A PERMANENT RESIDENT (IMMIGRANT)
- INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICES



TOP ONE HOME APPLIANCE CENTER

TOP One Home Appliance Center, an authorized service center of home appliances is in need of the following:

AUDIO VIDEO TECHNICIAN (CODE: AV)
REFRIGERATION & AIRCON TECHNICIAN (CODE: AR)

Requirements:

- At least 2-3 years course of Electronics and/or Refrigeration and Airconditioning
- With driver's license and preferably have own motorcycle
- Willing to be assigned outside Metro Manila or any point of Luzon
- Preferably with training and work experience

CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF (CS-Contractual)
ACCOUNTING STAFF (AS-Contractual)

Requirements:

- At least 2-3 years course of any Management, Accountancy or any related field
- Has knowledge in Microsoft windows and customer service
- Must be flexible and can work in minimum supervision
- Preferably with knowledge of handling collections and disbursements or any duties related to bookkeeping

Interested applicants may send their resumes to Danna Arnel at #69 Maysilo St., Brgy. Plainview, Mandaluyong City or email resume at toponehomeappliance@yahoo.com, you may call at 533-3614, 533-3567, and 747-1295.

WORKING PEOPLE

Text us your feedback: Inquirer paw name/city/message. Send to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Where to get help
when looking for a jobBy Loree Cruz-Mante
Contributor

JOB SEARCH JITTERS USUALLY begin—or intensify—when graduation jitters end.

The euphoria of finally being done with school fades quickly in the face of the realities of having to look for a job. It does not help that unemployment statistics paint a dismal scenario. It does not help that some parents wait impatiently at the sidelines, anticipating the yet-to-come income to augment meager family coffers. It does not help that friends and former classmates seem to have found jobs quickly and that one is lagging behind. It does not help that new graduates cannot answer "What are you doing now?" without having to lie.

Unprepared for work

A major part of the anxiety is that school hardly prepares graduates for work. Career talks given to high school graduating seniors often come too late in the game and most likely have not sunk in by the time they decide on a college course. Very often, too, these talks are largely descriptive and do not delve into deeper issues of one's aptitude and fit for a job, including values, motivations, and expectations that will drive choices.

In college, new graduates often have little help with careers and career decision-making. They are often left alone to make the leap into employment without even the most basic training on job search.

Structured process

Looking for a job is a structured process. In a sense, it has its own technology, governed by its own set of rules. The interesting thing about job search is that it has the elements of both science and art. It includes scientific processes, such as research and rational decision-making. Its artistic elements include creativity, innovation and marketing sense. Add to that the



elements of luck, fate, destiny, or as the God-fearing call it, purpose and mission.

The basics of job search can be learned, and new graduates would do well to learn them before they embark on jobhunting. Much stress is avoided by smart new graduates who study the rudiments before they actually take the plunge. They are usually better prepared to handle the physical and emotional rigors of looking for a job. In fact, studying how to look for a job before actually doing it provides practice for one of the most important factors of lifetime employability: lifelong learning. An insatiable passion for learning provides an ever-expanding competency base so necessary for ensuring that one is employable at whatever stage in life.

Available help

There are so many aids to job-hunting these days that were unheard of a few years ago: Internet, job fairs, school guidance centers, and multimedia resources to name a few. There is also the Public Employment Service Office (PESO), a non-fee charging multi-employment service facility of the Department of Labor and Employment

(DOLE). PESOs are maintained by local government units (key cities and municipalities), NGOs, community-based organizations, state universities and colleges. There are websites dedicated solely to helping people find jobs, in addition to providing job search advice and inspirational literature. Phil-Jobnet and mytrabaho.com are two of countless sites. Media continues to provide help, including talk show discussions, film features, and dedicated programs. It is almost impossible to exploit the Internet alone, not to mention multimedia materials that are easily available.

Two new resources

New graduates will benefit tremendously from training themselves (or seeking help) in the basics of jobhunting. One just has to invest time in researching, accessing and studying these resources. Successful job search is not a hit-or-miss game; it is a planned, purposive and deliberate process which identifies its target and aims at it before it shoots away.

I just finished writing two career guidance books for the DOLE and the International Labor Organization, which

will be launched soon.

The first book is an easy-to-read, user-friendly and simple how-to-find-a-job guide for youth seeking work. Titled "Minute Guide for Young Jobseekers," the guide is designed to provide step-by-step help and comes in a handy size that fits jeans pockets, small handbags, and backpack compartments. It deals with all stages of the job search process, beginning with how to assess one's competencies, motivations, and appropriate work environments. It provides information on how to write a resume, do impressive interviews, research for openings in both the advertised and hidden job markets, use personal networks, and negotiate compensation packages. It also contains interesting tips, paper exercises, inspirational articles, a brief on entrepreneurship, and a listing of useful web links. An attractive and colorful graphic design makes it appealing to young adult readers.

No fear

To be released with the Minute Guide is "Guiding Youth Careers." A handbook for those who help young jobseekers. This is an easy-to-use handbook for trained guidance counselors, parents and guardians, and even peers or barkada to whom the youth go for career advice. It is simple to understand and is an excellent companion to the Minute Guide.

New graduates embarking on job search need not fear. Anxiety will only erode self-confidence and hopefulness and add to the stress present in a job search. If new graduates will pause before they leap, study the landscape, "survey the terrain," as it were before plunging in, they will be better fit to embark on the job search process with alertness, vigor and enthusiasm.

(The author is a freelance HR practitioner, career/life counselor, author, editor and trainer. E-mail her at lcmante@yahoo.com.)

Knowledge is source of wealth

A SIMPLE YET IMPRESSIVE innovation I came across, consulting with an oil company is its "Safety Moments" time out. At the start of every event or program someone is assigned to present a 3-5 minute spiel, often with a power point presentation, something new, informative and useful tips on safety. This short presentation reminds everyone about safety, a company core value, so critical and important to the profitability of the company. I thought the idea of learning and earning moments would interest our readers. Thoughts and ideas are aimed at continuous learning. Learning vignettes, delivered sachet style, when put together as in a collage translate to useful information that one can use to earn a living, or grow one's competencies or build a career. This column replaces "Advice for Anxious at Work" that INQUIRER readers have patronized the past six years.

Knowledge era

It is a truism, that the source of wealth in this era is knowledge. We see this clearly in the birth and growth of services related to knowledge and information such as the business process-outsourcing boom in the country.

Gone are the days when land ensured one's wealth for life. Recently, I met a friend, who was extremely eager to dispose of his big property in the province. He said his idle

L-EARNING MOMENTS

Tita Datu Puangco



land has become a liability. It is property where he gets almost zero benefit from the land while continuing to pay taxes. From the proceeds, he hopes to set-up a call center, shifting his source of wealth from land to services.

We think "Learning Moments" can be an added resource to everyone who takes to heart the responsibility to enhance his abilities and productivity. Gone are the days when one's career depended on the company alone. Compa-

nies are placing the responsibility of learning and retooling to individuals. Outside the learning opportunities that companies provide the individual has to take self-responsibility.

Empowerment

The age of empowerment and self-leadership has come. Often we hear the word empowerment. What is it? It is a psychological concept that encompasses dimensions of self-determination such as meaning, competence and impact.

An empowered person is able to experience freedom and independence over his work. He recognizes that what he does is important and there-

fore exercises care over the work. He experiences feelings of personal effectiveness performing work well and with confidence that he can meet future challenges.

Finally, the employee knows that his decisions and actions are valued by the company. He therefore takes an active role in the company's growth and responsibility.

Self-leadership

Empowerment can happen only if the individual exercises self-leadership.

Self-leadership is the process of influencing oneself to establish the self-direction and self-motivation needed to perform a task. West Jet CEO.

Clive Beddoe said, "What occurred to me is we have to overcome the inherent difficulty of trying to manage people and to hone the process into one where people want to manage themselves."

Self-leadership views individuals as being capable of regulating their actions. There are five elements to self-leadership. One, is personal goal setting. The person sets his own goals. He can do this by himself or in consultation with a supervisor. The person feels greater empowerment and develops strategies to achieve the goals.

Two, is positive attitudes and thoughts. Employees engage in visioning and positive talk about the work before beginning to work. Self talk results in greater effectiveness by

Gospel. Luke 24: 46-53

You are witnesses of these things. And (behold) I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

Get high

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

I WAS MUSING ON THE SELECTED VERSE FOCUS WHERE JESUS mentions a "power from on high" which He would send upon His followers, literally while I was "on high" at 37,000 ft. on my flight from Amsterdam to Manila. On board and around me were several Filipino seamen and Filipinas working abroad who obviously were so excited to "touch ground"—home. The phrase from Jesus and the presence of workers on the plane prompted me to ask the questions: "How would such kind of power which Jesus gives work in the workplace?" and, "Would there be any difference in the work performance of the believer-worker and those who are not?"

There may not be any scientific study to provide us with convincing answers to the questions above, but, the common observation on human behavior would show that a person who has a higher motivation or reason for working would normally work harder and better than those with lower goals. The difference may not be in terms of quantity of work but in the quality of the worker—his personal worth and manner of working. One who toils mainly for money could slave himself working just to get the desired amount of pay, while the one who enlightens his mind with the Spirit of Jesus would understand the higher meaning of work and would appreciate its greater value and therefore experience a higher level of satisfaction, greater sense of self-fulfillment, personal worth and dignity.

It is essential, therefore, for everyone down in the work floor or station not to simply "stay low," but endeavor to "get high" by reflecting on the words and teachings of Jesus in order to have the power to transform his daily toils into a satisfying trip back home—to heaven. (E-mail the author at mfvq@skyinet.net)

REFLECTIONS
FOR THE
WORKING SOUL

Power from on high

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

AT FIRST GLANCE, BEING "CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH" may not make sense in the workaday world. "God talk," after all, may crown you with an illusory halo but won't really give you the salary increase you clamor nor the plum position you crave, right? But when we come to think of it, and of all the nuances of those words—"clothed with power from on high"—we may come to the conclusion that that phrase can really make a difference in whatever work we do. It could cure your Monday morning blues, lessen your weeklong stress and your tendency to say "Thank God it's Friday!" and in general make you more pleasant to be around at the workplace.

With all due respect to what bible scholars say about it, we'd like to give a name to that "power from on high" and the only synonym for it we can think of is—"not 'optimism,' not 'positive thinking,' but—'love.'" Sometimes the truth sounds mushy but that doesn't alter its reality. From our own experience we can see that it is love, a power from on high—and not skills or superior techniques—that ultimately decides whether the work we invest so much of ourselves in will bear fruit for others as well as for ourselves.

Here's something we can be proud of: Filipino nurses are so in demand in the United States not because they speak English and have passed the Board—for aren't the American nurses just as qualified?—but because they have that "power from on high" that fills the patient's unspoken need. Says one middle-aged Caucasian patient in a Chicago hospital: "Other nurses quit at 5 p.m. sharp, dropping whatever they're doing; Filipina nurses don't do that!" In any language, that "power from on high" is none other than love. (E-mail the author at teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)



enabling a person to walk through actions and decisions.

Three, is designing rewards for oneself. This may mean scheduling and doing tasks to create greater self-motivation. It may also mean making changes appropriate to one's needs and preferences.

Fourth, is self-monitoring. It is the process of keeping track of one's achievement towards goals. It means checking on one's performance and getting self-feedback at regular intervals. People who have control over feedback of their work are likely to feel motivated.

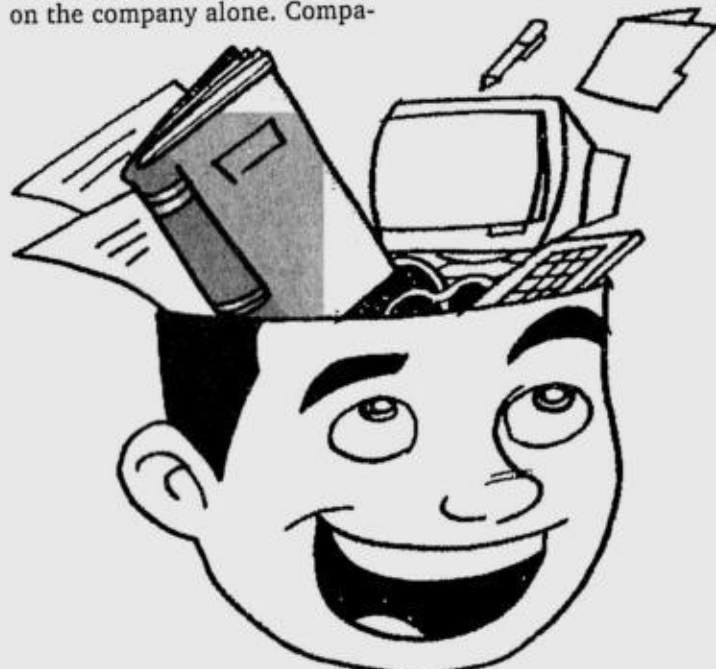
Fifth, is self-reinforcement. It happens when a person has control over something that can reinforce the behavior but does not take it until achieving a self-imposed goal. An example would be a sales person rewards

himself with a good book, upon closing a big sale.

In summary, let us welcome the knowledge age, exercising empowerment and self-leadership. After reading 10 columns, a reader can take an exam at Ancilla. If the reader passes the test, he gets a certificate of completion, a distance-learning style.

In the next column, we will start the series on "Personal Mastery and Effectiveness". We will talk about the importance of developing a personal mission statement.

(The author is CEO of Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting, a training and consulting company specializing in strategy management, leading change, human resource systems, leadership and enterprise training. Feedback at advice@ancillaedc.com.ph)



**DIAMEDIX
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**
URGENT HIRING!
**Accounting
Staff**

- Office located in Makati City
- Qualifications: 21-35 years old, graduate of an accounting course, good communication, organization and computer skills, experience not necessary.

Email resumé to
hr@diamedix.com.ph or
Call us at 896-0588 NOW!

**WANTED
TRANSPORT
SAFETY ANALYST**

- college graduate
- proficient in MS Office (Mac & PC) prof. MS Access & I-Info
- Web proficient
- with leadership abilities, initiative, good work ethic & good moral character

ACCOUNTANT

- CPA with experience in VAT & other taxes
- attention to detail & reliable
- good moral character & work ethic

Please submit resumé with picture to:

2557-A Beata St.,
Pandaan, Manila
Telefax: 561-8591 (Jeng)

**SALES
REPRESENTATIVE
FOR
PHARMACEUTICAL
SUPPLIES**

59 San Rafael St.
Kapitolyo Subd. Pasig
633-6177 to 78 or 633-1838
troy_sojourn@pacifi.net.ph
New grads welcome.

**POEA
24-HR HOTLINES
722-1144
722-1155****CANTEEN CREW / SALES PROMODIZER /
CASHIER**

- 20 to 30 years old
- Male/Female
- with experience
- willing to be assigned in Quezon City

COMPUTER GRAPHIC ARTIST

- with exp. in Graphic Manipulation & Color Separation in Silkscreen Printing
- with knowledge in PC or MAC

Apply at 40 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Q.C.
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. only
Tel. 743-3328 / 732-1954 Cathy/Flor
email: aek_bldg@yahoo.com

**Department of OB-Gyn
VRPMC (formerly Polymedic)**

is still accepting applicants for
FIRST YEAR RESIDENTS

POGS Accredited

Please inquire at the DELIVERY ROOM, 4th Floor,
VRPMC for any OB-Gyn RESIDENT or call at
533-1762/0917-5457162/531-4911 loc. 310/301
100% passing for the DIPLOMATE
Part I and II EXAMINATION

Our Corporation is growing!

We are looking for the right people to fill the
following key positions:

MARKETING ASSISTANTS

- Female, 18-24 yrs., Business or Computer grad
- hard-working, aggressive, self-motivated with pleasant voice & good penmanship
- Basic knowledge in Computers

ACCOUNTANTS

- Female, 18-24 yrs., Accounting graduate
- self-motivated with good penmanship
- Fast worker and Computer-literate

Interested applicants are requested to submit their
Resumé, Photo and Transcript of Grades to:
P.O. Box 12848 Ortigas Center, Pasig City

URGENT HIRING !!!**CARPET SALES REPRESENTATIVE**

- Female, not more than 35 yrs. old
- Must have at least 1 year sales experience
- Graduate of any Interior Design Related Course
- Willing to work / trained locally and in Singapore
- Must be able to speak English fluently.
- Must be able to work independently.

Interested applicants may apply at
Unit 1708 Citiland Herrera Tower
Rufino cor. Valero St., Salcedo Village
Makati City • Tel. No.: 893-3337
or

email your resumé with 2x2 picture at bebet@smjf.com.ph

LOVE ELECTRONICS SERVICE CENTER

A fast growing electronics service provider
requires new team members to take the
business to the next level. We are looking
for:

- Business development manager
- Technical support supervisor
- Receptionists, Secretaries

For further details and all applications
on the vacancies, please visit our site
www.love-electronics.com

A Male Foreigner based in the
Philippines is looking for

Female Private Secretary

single, not more than 25 years old,
must be computer literate, good
looking, fluent in English and can
travel within the Philippines.

Please send your resume with one
2x2 and whole body picture to:

Mr. Hanis Shargils, 306 Casa Rafael,
1223 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City or
email: hanis1967@yahoo.com

WANTED**Pre-school Teacher**

- Single, female
- BSEd, Pre-school Ed, Mass Comm. or Psychology grads

Send application and bio-data to:

Pre-school Teacher
37 Mansanas, Marist Village, Marikina
or e-mail: crisbelderol@yahoo.com

ACHIEVE YOUR HIGHEST CAREER GOALS! WITH US, YOU CAN!

EARTH+STYLE
Your Lifestyle Property Developer

Earth+Style is a lifestyle property developer committed to enhance the quality of life by creating communities, fulfilling aspirations and offering lifestyle solutions to the Filipino family.

We live by our mission of championing the Filipino middle income family while being steadfast in our commitment to grow in relevance and aligning our family and careers.

Earth+Style is a stable, vibrant organization devoted to nurturing its people towards their full potential and making them partners in growth.

**COME JOIN
OUR QUEST FOR
THE TOP**

Visit us at: 37th Floor, Orient Square Bldg.
Don Francisco Ortigas Jr. Road
(formerly Emerald Avenue)
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

You may also e-mail your resume to: hrd@earthandstyle.com

**Mandarin Oriental
Macau**

We are looking for candidates who must possess the following for the concerned positions:

Duty Manager

- High flexibility in handling guest requests
- Good sense of customer services and able to work under pressure
- Fluent in English and Cantonese, knowledge of Mandarin is an advantage
- Relevant experience in an established 5-star Hotel

Resort and Spa Operations Manager

- Responsible for resort and spa daily operations and oversee the facilities and retail
- Good sense of guest services and people-oriented
- Good command of supervisory skills and building the team
- Fluent in English, knowledge of Mandarin is an advantage
- Relevant experience in an established 5-star Hotel

Chief Concierge

- Relevant experience in an established 5-star Hotel
- Good command of spoken and written English and Chinese, Mandarin is a plus
- People-oriented, friendly and good hospitality

Assistant Chief Security Officer

- Have minimum 2 years relevant experience in security management
- Have experience in Hotel security office is an advantage
- Good command of spoken English and Cantonese

All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We offer competitive salary, medical and hospital benefits, comprehensive leave, duty meals and excellent retirement package.

Interested applicants should send detailed resume including salary expectation and contact phone number to:

Director of Human Resources
Mandarin Oriental, Macau
Avenida da Amizade
PO Box 3016, Macau
E-mail: momhr-recruitment@mo.hk.com
www.mandarinoriental.com/macau

**Concession Manager**

Female, 25-30 years old. Graduate of any business course with commendable scholastic records. With at least 3-5 years experience gained from retail and concession operations preferably from the footwear/apparel industry. Experience in dealing with top department stores an advantage. Knowledge and exposure in merchandising functions a definite plus. Able to identify market trends, strengths and weaknesses. With strong planning, leading and organizing skills.

Concession Supervisor / Concession Coordinators

Male / Female, 21-28 years old. Graduate of Management, Marketing, Business Administration, Accountancy or other related business courses with commendable scholastic records. With at least one (1) year experience in managing stores and handling sales personnel. Possess excellent leadership skills, highly analytical with a keen eye for detail and an innate business sense. Fresh graduates with adequate exposure in effectively leading groups, planning and organizing events / activities are encouraged to apply.

Accounting Supervisor

Female, 25-35 years old. Graduate of BS Accountancy with commendable scholastic records preferably a CPA. With at least 3 years experience in general accounting, tax accounting and other related functions. With strong knowledge in Philippine accounting standards, local tax laws and government regulations. Possess excellent analytical and problem-solving skills.

We are also looking for applicants for the following positions:

- Executive Secretary
- Store Supervisors (Quezon City, Manila, Pampanga)
- Accounting Assistants
- Office Assistants

Human Resource Department

Unit E-2804B, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre, Tektite East Tower
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City
E-mail: hrd@i-trend.com.ph

SOUND ENGINEER with MUSIC BACKGROUND is required to join a reputed **MULTIMEDIA Company**

A leading Video-Audio Solution to Broadcasters and Production Houses has a vacancy to the above mentioned post.

If you believe you have the following qualifications, apply now by sending your CV at mickey@mediacastsys.com

- Required Skills :**
1. Must have background in Music, has good knowledge about Audio Editing/Recording such as DigiDesign Protocols, Steinberg Cubase, Ableton Live.
 2. Has practiced Digital Audio technical support for at least 2 years, can do sales, demo & training.
 3. Speaks fluent English, friendly, proactive, aggressive at work and can handle pressure

Educational Attainment : Related Bachelor's Degree / Higher Course Level

JOBMARKETupdates

Text us your feedback: Inquirer WP

name/city/message. Send to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Yap to keynote peanut research conference and exhibit

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY ARTHUR C. Yap will be the keynote speaker during the conference and exhibit on the Achievements of the USAID-Peanut Collaborative Research Support Program (Peanut CRSP) in the Philippines on June 6 at the FDC Compound, FTI Complex, Taguig, hosted by the Food Development Center of the National Food Authority.

The conference and exhibit shall highlight the impact of the Peanut CRSP on peanut farmers and the peanut processing industry. The projects cover post-harvest needs and the development of marketable peanut products which were implemented by FDC in collaboration with the University of Georgia, the University of the Philippines and the Leyte State University with assistance from the Bureau of

Postharvest Research and Extension (BPRE).

During the conference, the impact of the following programs will be presented: a) the design and feasibility analysis for a Peanut Service Station for peanut cooperatives producing value-added certified aflatoxin-free and graded peanuts for local manufacturers; b) technologies for aflatoxin-free peanuts and new and improved peanut products; and c) monographs and other publications and training courses that were conducted for stakeholders.

Peanut products that were developed and technical posters presented as well as peanut monographs published by the project and other industry products such as packaging materials will be displayed

during the exhibit.

The conference fee is set at P600 per person inclusive of hand-outs, lunch and snacks. Checks must be made payable to the NFA-FDC.

Participants may wish to stay at the FDC dormitory with air-conditioned rooms that can accommodate two (2) persons per room. Adjoining rooms share a toilet and bath with hot shower. Room charge is P790 per room per day for double occupancy and P600 per room per day for single occupancy.

For more information on the conference/exhibit, please contact Amelia S. Bautista of the NFA-FDC, FTI Complex, Taguig City at telephone numbers 838-4014; 838-4561; 838-4478 and fax numbers 838-4692 and 838-4016 to 17 or at email address: infofdc@pacific.net.ph

Winning with emotional excellence

DID YOU KNOW THAT BY DISTINGUISHING your preferred behavioral style and understanding



Dr. Leonard Yong

your personal characteristics, you will fast-track your way towards emotional excellence? Attaining emotional excellence in relation with your personal wellness and in dealing with others is an integral part for you to be an emotionally excellent leader inside and outside your office. Not only will your career be soaring high but your personal life as well.

Dr. Leonard Yong, the internationally renowned consultant who will be coming to Manila for the ITD-Master World-Class Training on May 28 and 29, shares that "when leaders have a high level of Emotional Excellence, they become the catalyst and the heart to becoming a high EQ Organization."

A high EQ organization is characterized to be an organization where its leaders and their followers exhibit a high level of emotional excellence, which allows the organization to connect with its most important assets - people.

Research studies have proven the direct effect of an organization having a high level of Emotional Intelligence to its improvement in the financial and business performance. Dr. Yong further shares that an organizational leader with

high IQ coupled with high EQ can make a world of difference.

Dr. Leonard Yong is a world-class trainer, inventor, and author who have worked in many countries to research on creativity and emotional intelligence. His pioneering work, the Leonard Personality Inventory (LPI) Profiling Tool, have been widely used to help individuals develop their Emotional Intelligence (EQ) and creativity. The workshop that Dr. Yong will be leading is entitled "Winning with Emotional Excellence: The Heart of a High EQ Organization". This will be a 2-day Results-Driven Workshop that should be participated by those who have to frequently deal with people in order to get things accomplished. Particularly those people who are important team members and team leaders should attend to learn how to effectively apply emotional excellence in creating improved results through people.

This Master World-Class Training is organized by the Institute of Training and Development (ITD) Consulting Group, Inc., the leading multinational provider of superior, comprehensive organizational, and HR development solutions in the Asia Pacific for national and regional building.

Attend and be transformed! The ITD-Master World-Class Training will be held at the Mandarin Oriental Manila's Grand Ballroom. For details, call ITD Consulting at 887-7428 or email itdmanila@itd.com.my. You can also visit our website at www.itd.com.my.

David Graddol to speak in English conference talking across the World 2 in Manila

APPLIED LINGUIST DAVID GRADDOL, a known writer, broadcaster, researcher and consultant on issues relating to global English, comes to Manila to be part of Talking Across the World 2: English Communication Skills for the IT-Enabled Services Industry on May 31 to June 2, 2007.

David Graddol brings academic expertise to the pool of speakers, which includes prominent professionals from the local and international academic and call center scenes. David was once quoted, saying, "English is likely to remain one of the world's most important languages for the foreseeable future, but its future is more problematic - and complex - than most people appreciate."

Talking Across the World, a repeat from last year's successful run, aims to look into English Communication Skills problems in the Philippine IT-enabled services industry, in line with the anticipated language issues that David Graddol points out. Organizers FuturePerfect Business English Specialists, Hong Kong Polytechnic University are joined by the Hong Kong Institute of Education and University of Stockholm. The conference is also supported by the Business Processing Association of the Philippines (BPAP), Contact Center Association of the Philippines (CCAP), British Council, Philippine Society for Training and Development (PSTD) and ECCP "English is Cool Campaign".

Talking Across the World is sponsored by Yehey.com, the Philippine

Daily Inquirer, InfoSoft Solutions, Cambridge University Press and Official Radio Partners Jam 88.3, Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9, Hit 99.5, Heart 103.5, Killer Bee.

The event is also fully endorsed by TESDA Philippines, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Tourism PCVC and the Hong Kong Call Center Association. Speaker and participant registrations are accepted through the secretariat (Patricia Bawagan, Lea Delizo or Mau Emmanuel) through 632.8426006 or 8594563, or through conference@futureperfect.com.ph. You can also visit the website, www.talkingacrosstheworld.com for more details.

Making administrative investigation and grievance handling work seminar

PUTTING IN PLACE A JUDICIOUS PROCESS in the enterprise to ensure that management makes sound decisions goes hand in hand with fairness of human resource practitioners and frontline supervisors in dealing with concerns of the workforce.

Principles and basic skills acquired by the HR practitioner and the supervisor, such as in the proper conduct of administrative investigation and handling of grievances, pave the way for fairness in the workplace and harmonious

relations between superiors and subordinates.

Along this line, the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP) is conducting a seminar on May 16, 2007 on proper and effective administrative investigations and handling grievances in a productive and efficient manner - from the initial employee complaint through the whole process. The seminar will be held at the ECOP Boardroom, ECC Bldg., Makati City.

The seminar will dwell on the La-

bor-Management Relations Framework, Situating the Administrative Investigation and Grievance Handling Processes, Anchors of Administrative Investigation and Grievance Handling, Progressive Discipline, Hot Stove Technique, Administrative Investigation, Steps and Do's and Don'ts in Grievance Handling, and Role Plays. To inquire or register, please call the ECOP Training and Development Department at 0906-5552995, 890-4845, 890-4847 or 899-0411.

Labor relations in unionized environment

IT'S CBA YEAR FOR MOST COMPANIES. DURING these times, changes in managing styles are inevitable and expected. These include changes to collective bargaining agreements as well as revisions on labor laws, human rights codes, grievance and disciplinary procedures.

The Employers Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP) is offering a one-day program on Managing Labor Relations in a Unionized Environment which would take the burden out of rethinking managing unionized employee groups. To be held on May 23 at the ECC Board Room, ECC Bldg., Makati City, this skills-laden learning session will enable participants to gain legal knowledge and leadership approaches to improve workplace relations. At the same time, participants will be equipped with skills to make confident management/human resources decisions that will

withstand the scrutiny of any arbitration process.

To be tackled by Lawyer Ranulfo P. Payos, lecturer in De La Salle Professional School, Inc, Graduate School of Business and Corporate Governance Program; Chair of Change Management, a management consulting firm; ECOP Vice President; and TESDA Board Member as Employer Representative; among other prestigious positions, are the Framework of Labor Relations, Management's Right to Discipline, Role of Supervisors/Managers, Grievance Machinery, Unfair Labor Practice, Disciplinary Actions, Terminations, Strikes and Work Stoppages, and Summary of Workers' Rights.

Hurry, register now! To inquire or register, please call the ECOP Training and Development Department at 0906-5552995, 890-4845, 890-4847 or 899-0411.

Accounting for Non-Accountants seminar set

THIS IS ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR NON-accounting managers, supervisors and personnel. Whether you like it or not, you have to work with some issues in basic accounting. Topics include: The accounting cycle; Adjusting journal entries; Financial Statements like Balance Sheet and Income Statements; The Cash Flow Statement and Financial Statements. This program is slated on Wednesday to Friday, May 23, 24 and 25, 1-5 p.m. at Holiday Inn Galleria, Ortigas.

The workshop will have as its resource lecturer Ms. Cecile Catahan, Consultant, Trainer and Certified Public Accountant.

This seminar is sponsored by Porter and Miles, Inc, a premier training company on business, management, marketing, sales and human resource development, with office address at Suite 2502-C Teklite Tower East, Ortigas Center. Call Mercy at 638-7719 / 20 for more information / reservation. Limited seats only.



People Management Association of the Philippines

brings you



JOB EXPO

1ST PMAP PAPERLESS JOB FAIR

Powered By: **JobsDB.com**

"Jobs For Every Filipino" (Trabaho Sa Bawat Pilipino)

May 31 - June 1, 2007, 9:00am-5:00pm, World Trade Center

Pre-register now at www.jobsdb.com.ph and grab the opportunity to find your dream job the easier way!

- ◆ Bring your resume saved in portable disks.



- ◆ All jobseekers will be given a free e-Job Expo Career Card.



- ◆ JobsDB.com member? Just come in business attire.



- ◆ Jobseekers with existing Career Cards may bring any of their cards.



So what are you waiting for? Don't miss this event. Get ahead in your job-hunting through this cutting-edge technology-driven medium.

EARN UP TO 40K PhP

COMMISSION ON TOP OF BASIC SALARY

HINGE INQUIRER PUBLICATIONS, a dynamic company engaged in the publication of the most influential niche magazines today, is in immediate need of



ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES

- At least College Level, preferably with background in Marketing, Sales or any Business course
- Highly motivated, a team player, with good communication, negotiation and presentation skills, thrives under pressure and can work with minimal supervision
- Applicants must be willing to work in Makati City and do field work
- Preferably has at least 1 year experience in Corporate Sales/Advertising/Publication.

We also have openings for the following positions:

Treasury Analyst

- College graduate preferably with Accounting background.
- At least 1 year Banking/Finance and/or Treasury experience.
- Computer literate, organized, methodical and detail-oriented.
- Good interpersonal, communication, office management and analytical skills.

Credit and Collection Assistant

- College graduate preferably with Accounting background
- At least 6 months experience in a similar job
- Computer literate and organized
- Good interpersonal, communication, office management, filing and negotiation skills.

Creative Director

- College Graduate of a 4-year Communications course (or related degree)
- Preferably has at least 5 years experience in magazine publishing
- Equipped with exceptional designing skills
- Organized, resourceful, and creative
- Able to supervise, and influence the creative department; willing to work overtime

BLOG Administrator

- College graduate preferably with 1 year experience in Web Server and/or BLOG Administration
- Knowledge on any or all of the following: PHP, Wordpress themes and plug-ins, MySQL, Linux, Apache
- Knowledge on any or all of the following: Adobe Photoshop, Hardware/Software troubleshooting, Adobe Premiere, Windows Movie Maker, Digital Video Formats and Encoding, Flash Video
- Creative, dependable, able to meet deadlines, a team player and can work with minimum supervision

hinge inquirer
PUBLICATIONS

Interested applicants may send their resumes to any of the ff: spanlitio@inquirer.com.ph, jreyes@inquirerpublications.ph, hrd@hip.ph or bring their resume, two (2) 2x2 photos, Transcript of Records, and any valid I.D. to our office at Unit 330, Mile Long Building, Amorsolo corner Javier Streets, Makati City, from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tel Nos.: 759-2284, 759-2024, 840-0196, 813-6848

PMAP's first technology-driven job fair

THE PEOPLE MANAGEMENT Association of the Philippines (PMAP) through its Corporate Social Responsibility Committee shall launch PMAP's first paperless job fair in the country on May 31 to June 1 at the World Trade Center in Pasay City. PMAP has always been known in spearheading a strong advocacy in the promotion of employment for every Filipino, having members holding various important positions in all levels in a wide range of industries, from finance, retail, marketing, BPOs, to IT. PMAP in partnership with JobsDB shall allow the organization to adopt to the 21st century style of promoting career opportunities to the thousand job seekers. It shall unveil the latest innovation of having state-of-the-art application for employment through the use of PMAP's Career Card.

Participating recruiting companies will be provided with a scanner similar to the barcode device used in different business establishments. A jobseeker simply submits the Career Card to the hiring company's representative who will then scan the bar code of the career card. The career card is a benchmark in the recruitment industry because it saves jobseekers transportation, printing, and postage costs.

Tax amnesty for you and your business

THIS COULD BE YOUR major break! Take advantage of the Tax Amnesty law recently signed by the house and senate.

Don't miss this very special seminar which could give you the biggest savings in your business. Be there on May 29, 1:30-5:30 pm at Holiday Inn Galleria.

A special highlight of the seminar is the Free Tax Clinic—Consult your case for free.

For more information, please call Powermax Consulting Group at 687-9014 or 396-1789. Look for Rax. Call us now to reserve your seat.

Sales tactics revealed

THIS RARE SEMINAR could be the turning point of your salespeople in selling. Discover the unconventional tools and techniques that will help empower your people and enable them to become more productive. If your people will grasp even half of what will be taught in this session, there will be a remarkable change in their performance. Don't miss this important event on May 31, 1-5 p.m. at Holiday Inn Galleria Manila, Ortigas.

This seminar is sponsored by Porter and Miles, Inc., a premier training company on business, management, marketing, sales and human resource development, with office address at Suite 2502-C Tekite Tower East, Ortigas Center. Call Mercy at 638-7719/20 for more information/reservation. Limited seats only.



Save the Children

Save the Children US is a non-government organization and one of the leading international development organizations in the world. The mission of Save the Children is to create lasting, positive change in the lives of disadvantaged children and adolescents. Save the Children is a non-political non-religious international organization that prides itself on independence and neutrality.

In the Philippines, the Save the Children Philippines Country Office has been working for nearly 25 years. Programs and project operations now include West Visayas (Iloilo, Guimaras, and Antique), Metro Manila (Parañaque, Taguig and Las Piñas), the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and parts of Central and Western Mindanao. Save the Children Philippines Country Office activities include: SPONSORSHIP programs; EDUCATION - Early Child Development, Elementary and Secondary Education; HEALTH, POPULATION & NUTRITION, and CHILDREN IN EMERGENCY and CRISIS Using cross cutting strategies of Appreciative Community Mobilization, Experience-based Advocacy, and Behavior-centered Programming. Save the Children is searching for qualified candidates for the National Office.

Director for Field Operations – Visayas Mindanao (Code: DFO Vis-Min)

Key Areas of Responsibility

Under the direction of the Philippines Country Office Director, and as a senior member of the Senior Management Team, the DFO has overall responsibility for all field operations in the Visayas and Mindanao areas.

The DFO plans and implements cross-cutting initiatives and sectoral programs appropriate to the impact areas and consistent with Save the Children Country Office plans and initiatives.

He/she ensures consistency of programs with SC initiatives and policies and in capacity building. The position develops strategies to promote overall efficiency and maximization of cumulative project impacts over the Vis-Min area and takes responsibility for monitoring overall resource utilization.

The DFO has overall management and administrative supervision and control over the defined geography, ensuring that all area activities are within standards set by the Home Office.

Coordination is across the current and new program offices and projects in West Visayas, Central and Western Mindanao and ARMM.

This position supervises the managers for the following areas: West Visayas Program Office, the Mindanao Sponsorship Program Office, all Program and Project heads with on-going projects.

Competencies and Qualification Requirements: (In addition to Core Competencies)

- Achievement orientation, analytical skills, conceptual thinking, time management, training skills, Initiative, Interpersonal skills, Leading communities, Positive work attitude, Program design, Program implementation, Respect for confidentiality, Developing sustainability, Cultural awareness and sensitivity, organizational and project commitment, written communication skills
- Hands-on experience in community-based program management on any of the sectoral programs of health, education, and emergency work in development organization environments is preferred

Deputy Country Director for Program Development & Support (Code: DCD PDS)

Key Areas of Responsibility

Under the direction of the Philippines Country Office Director, and as a senior member of the Senior Management Team, the DCD-PDS shares in the overall responsibility for the direction and coordination of the country office. The DCD-PDS in this shared capacity is responsible for administration, fiscal management, and grant management of the Country Office with particular focus on program development, design and support; the direction, supervision, and evaluation of staff; and the design implementation, evaluation, and analysis of program activities. The DCD-PDS is also responsible for all donor services, including sponsorship. As a senior leader in the Country Office, the DCD-PDS represents the agency before host government representatives, donors, partner agencies, local institutions and Home Office (HQ). The key areas of responsibility are:

- Strategic and Operational Planning – long, medium and short term planning on plans and programs ensuring quality, impact, scale and cost effectiveness of programs
- Program Development and Fund raising – growth, diversification of funding resources, identification and management of project / program opportunities for funding
- Representation and Networking – establish, maintain, and build relationships with government authorities, donors, partner agencies, international NGOs including Save the Children Alliance
- Capacity building of internal formal and informal resources – technical training planning and execution for key stakeholders, partners, government agencies, volunteers
- Monitoring and evaluation Infrastructure and operations – planning and tracking of progress toward program goals through results; well-thought through Program Operational Plans and conduct of baseline, periodic and final evaluations
- Program Management Support – through technical support in program implementation within and outside of country resources
- Personnel management and staff development
- Financial and grant management, budget control – oversees control of expenditures within budget, compliance with grant and contract regulations and procedures, effective systems for control of assets, funds, property, facilities; timely reporting to HQ and donors
- Sponsorship Management – effective implementation of approach to sponsorship management
- Program and project documentation and reporting

This position supervises the managers for the following areas: Health Population and Nutrition, Education, Children in Emergency Crisis / Emergency Response, Monitoring and Evaluation

Competencies and Qualification Requirements: (In addition to Core Competencies)

- Achievement orientation, analytical skills, conceptual thinking, time management, training skills, Initiative, Interpersonal skills, Leading communities, Positive work attitude, Program design, Program implementation, Respect for confidentiality, Developing sustainability, Cultural awareness and sensitivity, organizational and project commitment, written communication skills
- Seasoning in program development, management and fund raising in international development organizations environments and representation and networking is preferred

Finance & Administration Manager (Code: FAM)

Key Areas of Responsibility

Under the direction of the Deputy Country Director for Finance and Administration, the Finance and Administration Manager leads and manages the Finance and Administration team. The FAM is responsible for delivery of services and functions in the following area in the capacity of sharing in the overall responsibility with authorized delegation from the Deputy Country Director for Finance and Administration:

- Planning and Budgeting – Assist in management and administration of country office resources and sub offices including monitoring and implementation of donor agreements, resource utilization; policy and procedures communication and compliance; reporting to Country Office management
- Financial Accounting, Reporting and Control – Assist in compliance to policies, ensuring availability of funds; conduct of appropriate finance workshops; accurate and timely submission of financial and other reports; adherence to donor requirements as outlined in Memorandum of Agreement; providing technical support to partner organizations and other NGOs on joint projects; design and implementation of financial management systems building security integrity and completeness
- General Services / Facilities Administration and Office Management – Assist in matters of office management, procurement, fleet management

Competencies and Qualification Requirements: (In addition to Core Competencies)

- Leading others, Management-centered achievement orientation, positive managerial attitude, resourcefulness, analytical skills, Developing staff, Interpersonal skills, Project and program implementation skills, Concern for accuracy; Respect for confidentiality; Time management; Accounting; Analytical skills, Basic computer skills, budgeting, Forecasting, Compliance
- Seasoned financial management experience with audit exposure preferred

Grants Management Accountant (Code: GMA)

Key Areas of Responsibility

Accountant for all grants projects; reviews financial record maintenance and reporting according to donor requirements and Memorandum of Agreements; provides technical support and training to field offices as required; supports proposal and development efforts, set up and monitoring of grants and contracts

Competencies and Qualification Requirements: (In addition to Core Competencies)

- Concern for accuracy; Respect for confidentiality; Time management; Accounting; Analytical skills, Basic computer skills, budgeting, Forecasting, Compliance
- Audit exposure preferred

Other Applications Welcome in Community Mobilization, Education, Health, Human Resources, Accounting, Administration

Core Competencies: Accountability, Integrity, Development Orientation, Child-centeredness, Teamwork, Transparency, Passion for Excellence, and Results Orientation.

Qualified applicants may send their resumes

By email: HR_Recruitment@savechildren.org (please indicate respective position code)

By mail – Save the Children Federation, Inc. (Metro Manila) No. 1 Encarnacion St. corner Lapu-Lapu Avenue, Magallanes Village, Makati City, Metro Manila (Fax 632-852-0215)

(For more information on Save the Children Philippine Country Office programs and projects, an electronic brochure can be requested through the email address below)



VP INAUGURATES PRO-FRIENDS HOUSING

Vice President and HUDCC Chair Noli De Castro recently inaugurated the St. Joseph the Worker Village being developed by Property Company of Friends (PRO-FRIENDS) Inc. The project is undertaken in cooperation with the Gawad Kalinga, Corinith ComDev Foundation, and the Pag-IBIG Fund. The project, located in Barangay Santiago in General Trias, Cavite, makes available housing packages priced at P190,000 each. VP De Castro is shown with the early beneficiaries of the project (1st row, and (2nd row, from left) Gawad Kalinga Executive Director Luis Quinena, Pro-Friends CEO and President Gerry Choa, and Gawad Kalinga founder Tony Meloto.



Save the Children

Save the Children US is a non-government organization and one of the leading international development organizations in the world. The mission of Save the Children is to create lasting, positive change in the lives of disadvantaged children and adolescents. Save the Children is a non-political non-religious international organization that prides itself on independence and neutrality.

Save the Children Philippines Country Office has been working for nearly 25 years. Programs and project operations now include West Visayas (Iloilo, Guimaras, and Antique), Metro Manila (Parañaque, Taguig and Las Piñas), the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and parts of Central and Western Mindanao. Save the Children Philippines Country Office activities include:

SPONSORSHIP (covering 6,000+ sponsored children and where education and health programs also benefit non-sponsored children in partner schools and communities for a further reach to other communities); **EDUCATION: Early Child Development (ECD)** – community based child day care centers, parent education sessions, Neighborhood-based ECD services for children who may not have immediate or constant access to education; **Elementary and Secondary Education** – Reading for Kids, School Improvement Planning, Positive School Learning Environment, Teacher Training on Child Centered Education, Substance Abuse Prevention and Citizenship Promotion among Adolescents; **HEALTH, POPULATION and NUTRITION** – School Health and Nutrition Program (e.g. vision and hearing testing, deworming and iron supplementation, parent education sessions and capacity building activities, Improvements of school facilities), Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (for quality, accessibility and availability adolescent-friendly health centers), Population Health & Environment Linkage.

And various projects, some in partnership with other development organizations, to help children and families cope with the effect of emergencies or disaster situations through **Disaster Preparedness and Response** establishing the mechanism for coordination for efficient response to displacement in conflict-affected areas; **Mindanao Assistance** of improving water supply and sanitation, providing farm inputs and training, distributing non food commodities and building refugee capacity to manage community-based development programs; **Belt Operations and Emergency Rehabilitation**, with physical rehabilitation of schools and water systems and providing food and non food items, shelter and water treatment to affected families as a result of tropical storms improve overall health indicators for the nearly 3 million underserved Filipinos in 6 project areas in ARMM through a comprehensive and strategically targeted, health improvement package of health communication and advocacy, training and technical assistance.

Cross Cutting Strategies

Appreciative Community Mobilization (ACM)

ACM is a combination of two approaches: Appreciative Inquiry (AI) and Community Mobilization (CM) AI builds on the community's strengths such as common values, achievements, best practices and resources; while CM is a capability, while CM is a capacity building process based on sustained participation of community individuals and organizations. Together these approaches allow for the development of community action plans based on the community's best practices, targeting the community's specific needs, and backed by wide support.

Experienced Based Advocacy

Experienced Based Advocacy is a process by which communities and partner organizations influence policy makers to facilitate creation, reform and effective implementation of critical policies. The Advocacy is based on community experience backed by extensive data and research.

Behavior Centered Programming

Behavior Centered Programming is a strategic process that entails the assessment of current behaviors in relation to the problems of concern, identifies the barriers and enabling factors for improvements, discovers motivations and identifies behaviors for change. The process has five systematic phases.

- Situation Assessment
- Formative or consultative research
- Strategy development
- Implementation
- Monitoring and evaluation

The process is designed to reduce barriers, enhance motivation, facilitate improvements in behavior and implement effective programs.

Save the Children programs and projects are designed and implemented with the intended priorities that children: 1) Learn and develop with age appropriate care and education thru early childhood development, basic education, and adolescent learning and education; 2) Are protected from harm through physical and psycho-social assistance; 3) Are healthy and well-nourished thru maternal/ newborn health and nutrition (addressing needs of 0-28 day old newborn infants), child health and nutrition (reducing mortality and malnutrition in 0-5 year old children), and adolescent health (for 12-18 years including reproductive and sexual health); 4) Benefit from household economic security.

Save the Children programs and projects include: 1) Children in Emergency and Crisis: Disaster Preparedness and Response Program, in Central and Western Mindanao, Mindanao Assistance Project to reduce human suffering and vulnerability 2) Save the Children is searching for qualified candidates for the:

(For more information on Save the Children Philippine Country Office programs and projects, an electronic brochure can be requested through the email address below)

ASCEND Project

(Assistance for the Comprehensive Educational Development of Mindanao)

Team Leader – (Code: Min TL)
Program Coordinator – (Code: Min PC)
Sponsorship Assistant – (Code: Min SA)
Database Coordinator – (Code: Min DC)
Finance Officer – (Code: Min FO)

Responsible for:

- Reporting directly to the Deputy Country Director for Finance and Administration (Country Office) and the ASCEND Project Manager, responsible for ensuring that ASCEND Project effectively meets the financial and management standards and reporting requirements of Save the Children, the project, and the funding agency.
- In collaboration and coordination with the Finance Officer, National Coordinator for Human Resources, and the Administrative officer in the Country Office, s/he ensures that support services needed by the project are efficient and delivered on time within office policies and guidelines.
- Responsible for supervising the work of the Accountant, Finance/Admin Assistant and Project Driver and ensures that all job responsibilities are carried out according to SC standards.

Specific Duties

- Supervision of Project Admin and Finance Staffs including the Accountant, Finance and Admin Assistant and Project Driver/Utilities
- Ensures SC policies and procedures are understood and adhered to in deployment of funds, processing of financial transactions and documentation, reconciliation of accounts, inventories and control of project facilities and capital assets.
- Ensures accurate and timely preparation and recording of regular financial and administration reports.
- Performs initial recruitment and orientation of new staff, benefits administration, 201 life maintenance and other HR administration work
- Oversees the performance of facilities and equipment administration and upkeep, canvassing, office supplies and mail.

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:

- Graduate of Bachelor's Degree in Business and Economics, Major in Accountancy; CPA an advantage.
- Positive leadership skills and excellent administrative / financial management skills (equivalent to Admin and Finance Officer position); a multi-dimensional person that has a deep grasp of program, admin and finance operations; and, can effectively handle national/international event hosting.
- Audit background preferred but not required.
- Experience of at least three (3) years in Finance and Admin work preferably in an NGO environment.
- Concern for accuracy, Respect for Confidentiality, Time management, Accounting, Analytical skills, Basic computer skills, Budgeting, Forecasting, Compliance, Awareness of allied organizations, Company knowledge Leadership: Leadership, Management-centered achievement orientation, Positive managerial attitude, Resourcefulness, Analytical skills, Developing staff, Interpersonal skills, Project and program implementation skills

Based in Davao ASCEND office; will require periodic travel to program/project offices Cotabato, Maguindanao, Zamboanga del Sur, Sulu, Sultan Kudarat

Administrative Assistant – (Code: Min AA) Driver – (Code: Min Driver)

- Team Leader** – the person must have positive leadership skills, excellent mobilization, networking and advocacy skills; good writing skills; and can take on the functions of a Deputy Program Manager.
- Program Coordinator** – excellent mobilization, networking and advocacy skills; good writing skills (equivalent to a Program Manager position since she/he will be advocating for program replication in the whole province).
- Database Coordinator** – excellent IT skills and wholesome personality.
- Finance Officer** – must possess positive leadership skills and excellent administrative / financial management skills (equivalent to Admin and Finance Officer position); a multi-dimensional person that has a deep grasp of program, admin and finance operations, and, can effectively handle national/international event hosting.
- Administrative Assistant** – must possess excellent IT skills and wholesome personality.
- Sponsorship Assistant** – loves working with / for the children, excellent IT skills and wholesome personality.
- Driver** – a multi-dimensional person that can handle administrative, security and GPO tasks (e.g. can handle international guests).

Responsible for generating and causing partners' and stakeholders' support and cooperation as well as participation in the planning and execution of program interventions/activities. Shall facilitate the formulation of implementation arrangements as well as sustainability mechanisms for the different program components; backstop the Education Team Leader

- Plan and organize program activities appropriate to each geographic area covered;
- Design and adopt community-level strategies to operationalize plans and programs;
- Do community advocacy and mobilization, and ensure the participation of community partners in program processes and activities;
- Monitor and evaluate progress of implementation, identify concerns or issues as well as action or decision points;
- Prepare and submit reports - progress, quarterly, annual, etc.

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:

- Graduate of a four-year degree program, preferably in Education
- Experience of at least two years in community mobilization, or in implementing education development projects
- Resident of the province where he/she will serve as Coordinator
- Achievement orientation, Time management, Initiative, Interpersonal skills, Leading communities, Positive work attitude, Program implementation, Respect for confidentiality, Developing sustainability, Cultural awareness and sensitivity, Organizational and project commitment, Training skills and competencies
- Analytical skills, Conceptual thinking, Program design and Written communication skills and competencies are also preferred

Communication, Documentation and Program Learning Coordinator (Code: ASCEND CDPLC)

Responsible for the preparation of communication products that will enhance program visibility; documentation of implementation processes, progress and significant findings; and, coordination and preparation of materials that capture ASCEND best practices and strategies for scale up and sustainability.

- Handle the communication outreach requirements of the program which includes media relations and preparation of visibility products such as news stories, weekly highlights, newsletter, flyers, etc.
- Provide the lead in ensuring that M&E activities are carried out on time;
- Document program coordination and implementation experiences and package the same for publication and/or technical presentation;
- Coordinate on-going learning through the sharing and packaging of programs, modules and best practices for strategic scale up and sustainability;
- Lead in the preparation of progress reports, quarterly and annual reports.

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:

- Graduate of a four-year degree program, preferably in Education or Communication Development
- Experience of at least two years in community mobilization, or in implementing education development projects
- Achievement orientation, Time management, Initiative, Interpersonal skills, Leading communities, Positive work attitude, Program implementation, Respect for confidentiality, Developing sustainability, Cultural awareness and sensitivity, Organizational and project commitment, Written communication skills and competencies
- Analytical skills, Conceptual thinking, Training skills, Program design competencies are also preferred

Based in Davao ASCEND office; will require periodic travel to program/project offices Cotabato, Maguindanao, Zamboanga del Sur, Sulu, Sultan Kudarat

Finance and Administrative Officer (Code: ASCEND AFO)

Responsible for:

- Reporting directly to the Deputy Country Director for Finance and Administration (Country Office) and the ASCEND Project Manager, responsible for ensuring that ASCEND Project effectively meets the financial and management standards and reporting requirements of Save the Children, the project, and the funding agency.
- In collaboration and co-ordination with the Finance Officer, National Coordinator for Human Resources, and the Administrative officer in the Country Office, s/he ensures that support services needed by the project are efficient and delivered on time within office policies and guidelines.
- Responsible for supervising the work of the Accountant, Finance/Admin Assistant and Project Driver and ensures that all job responsibilities are carried out according to SC standards.

Specific Duties

- Supervision of Project Admin and Finance Staffs including the Accountant, Finance and Admin Assistant and Project Driver/Utilities
- Ensures SC policies and procedures are understood and adhered to in deployment of funds, processing of financial transactions and documentation, reconciliation of accounts, inventories and control of project facilities and capital assets.
- Ensures accurate and timely preparation and recording of regular financial and administration reports.
- Performs initial recruitment and orientation of new staff, benefits administration, 201 life maintenance and other HR administration work
- Oversees the performance of facilities and equipment administration and upkeep, canvassing, office supplies and mail

Competencies and Qualification Requirements:

- Graduate of Bachelor's Degree in Business and Economics, Major in Accountancy; CPA
- Audit background preferred but not required
- Experience of at least three (3) years in Finance and Admin work preferably in an NGO environment
- Concern for accuracy, Respect for Confidentiality, Time management, Accounting, Analytical skills, Basic computer skills, Budgeting, Forecasting, Compliance, Awareness of allied organizations, Company knowledge Leadership: Leadership, Management-centered achievement orientation, Positive managerial attitude, Resourcefulness, Analytical skills, Developing staff, Interpersonal skills, Project and program implementation skills

Based in Davao ASCEND office; will require periodic travel to program/project offices Cotabato, Maguindanao, Zamboanga del Sur, Sulu, Sultan Kudarat

Geographical Coverage: ASCEND's areas of operations are: Cotabato, Maguindanao, Zamboanga del Sur, Sulu, Sultan Kudarat

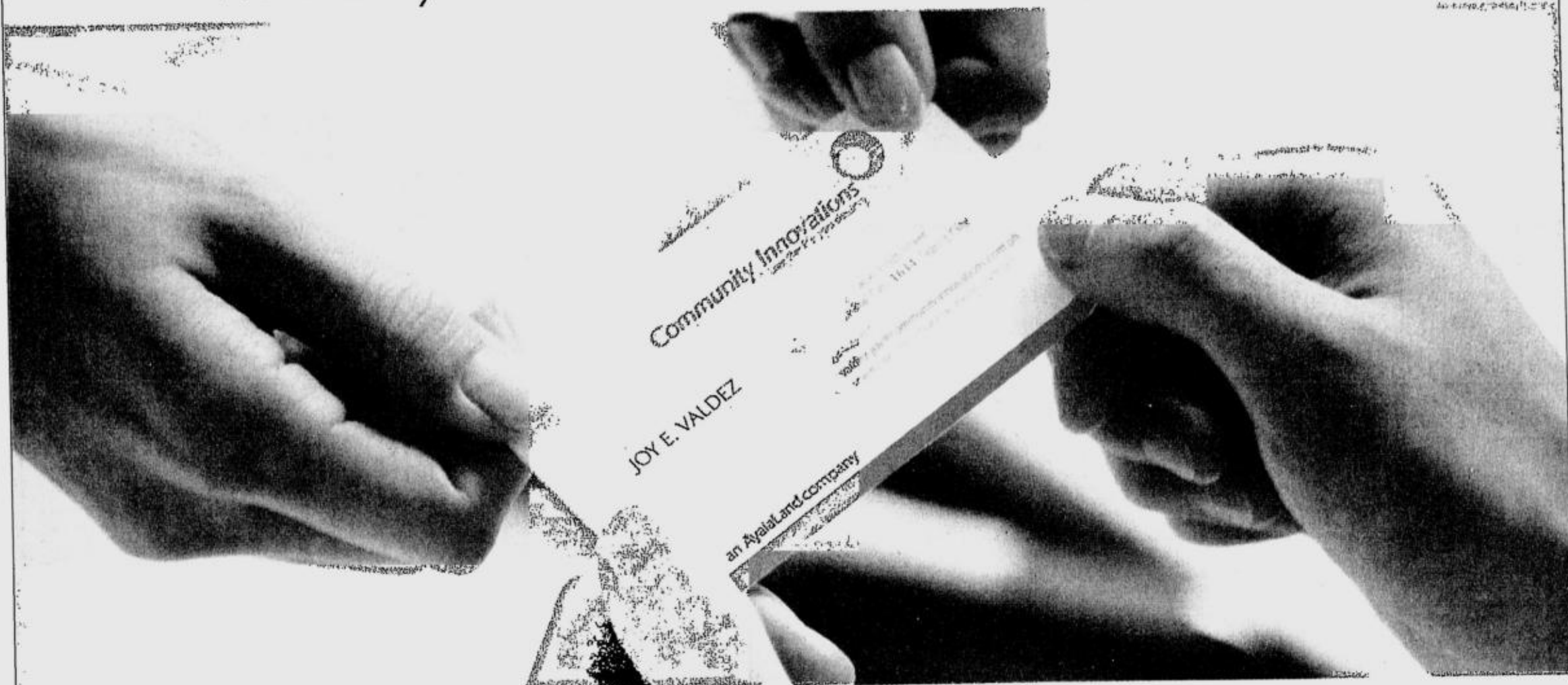
Core Competencies: Accountability, Integrity, Development Orientation, Child-centeredness, Teamwork, Transparency, Passion for Excellence, and Results Orientation.

Qualified applicants may send their resumes

By email: HR_Recruitment@savechildren.org (please indicate respective position code)

By mail – Save the Children Federation, Inc. (Metro Manila) No. 1 Encarnacion St. corner Lapu-Lapu Avenue, Magallanes Village, Makati City, Metro Manila (Fax 632-852-0215)

Who do you work for and where do you work?



Joining Community Innovations doesn't just mean joining the fastest growing real estate developer in the country today. It also means building a career with the country's foremost brand in real estate, Ayala Land.

What we offer is a fast-paced, dynamic and cutting-edge environment, and the opportunity to earn unlimited income.

What we need are Property Specialists.

If you are self-driven, a team player, and enthusiastic to pursue a career in sales and marketing; then Community Innovations welcomes you.

Recruitment Day will be held on May 25 from 9 am to 3 pm at Building 8, Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

Interested applicants may contact Ms. Joy Valdez at 849-0017 or valdez.joy@communityinnovations.com.ph. You may also send your resume with picture through email. Fresh graduates are welcome to apply.



Calalang
Park
Residences



Serendra

Verdara
Homes

Community Innovations
Live the life you deserve
an Ayala Land company



logicaCMG Open House on May 26



Opportunities to work in Europe and beyond

Be part of our Global Service Delivery Team

We are looking for Business and IT specialists who have good English language skills and are enthusiastic about working for international customers from our new BPO and IT service centre in Metro Manila. The roles will involve both local and European working hours. For some roles, European language skills and willingness to spend time working abroad is important.

The candidates must have a minimum of 2 years working experience and professional qualification. A good track record in a management position is an advantage, as well as previous employment in a large multinational or multicultural corporate environment.

We are specifically in need of the following:

- **SAP specialists** - SAP Basis, SAP/Netweaver, SAP FI/CO, BI, PP, SD, PM, MM, PS, Oracle ERP, CRM, SRM, HR Time, HR Payroll
- **ABAP developers** - knowledge in SAP R/3 development, Netweaver, JAVA based coding
- **JAVAJ2EE Specialists** - with at least 3-4 years industry experience; knowledge in JAVA, J2EE, Hibernate, Struts, Springs, SQL Server
- **Microsoft Application Specialists** - with at least 4 years experience in project management; knowledge in Sharepoint Portal Server, Documentum, InfoPath, .NET, ADO.NET, ASP.NET;
- **Support Engineers** - knowledge in JAVA, ASP, VBscript, VB, .NET, SQL
- **Remedy developers** - with 3-5 years experience in software development; 1-3 years experience in SQL, ITIL, or Remedy/ARS, .NET framework
- **.NET developers, experience** - with 3-5 years experience in ASP.NET, C#, SQL Server 2000; knowledge in Windows application development, web services, and SQL reporting services
- **Support/Development Analysts** - knowledge IBM mainframe (MVS), Cobol compiler, IMS DL/1, IDMS 14.1,
- **Test Analysts** - with 2-4 years industry experience; knowledge in SQL, Oracle, Unix, TestDirector, Test automation, Win Runner; involved with production of systems and acceptance test specification documentation

logicaCMG
www.logicacmg.com

Visit our open house on May 26, 2007, from 8am to 3pm at 10th Floor Trafalgar Plaza, HV Dela Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati City, Philippines. For inquiries call us at 856-8700.

Releasing your potential



MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES, INC.

IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION PROJECT (IWSDP)

is in immediate need of:
Engineers

- ▶ Licensed Engineer preferably Civil/Mechanical/Sanitary/Electrical
- ▶ With or without experience
- ▶ If with experience needs the following:
 - 1) supervision and inspection of construction works; experience in pipelaying/ water lines interconnections an advantage
 - 2) design
 - 3) preparation and evaluation of program of work and cost estimates
 - 4) project programming/scheduling and monitoring
 - 5) feasibility study or master planning
- ▶ Computer literate, well versed in Excel and Powerpoint; knowledge in Autocad an advantage
- ▶ Good in oral & written communication
- ▶ With good interpersonal skills, hardworking, reliable, resourceful, analytical, focused and flexible

Qualified candidates can submit letter of application w/ 1x1 photo ID, comprehensive resumes, transcript of records/diploma, license & board rating, employment/training certificates, SSS ID (photo copy) and NBI clearance to:

Employment Administration, Personnel Services
MWSS Compound, Basement - Engineering Bldg.
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Look for Cristy Santiago or Richel Perez
Tel. No. 9254654 or 9205521 loc. 3084

URGENTLY NEEDED! BY AN EXPANDING REPUTABLE TELECOMS RETAIL SHOP

ACCOUNTANT

Female, between 25 to 35 yrs old. An accounting graduate, CPA preferred. Knowledge in financial reporting/financial statements, familiar with regulatory requirements (SEC/BIR/SSS/PAG-IBIG/PHILHEALTH). Computer literate (Knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint). Must have good administrative and communication skills, highly organized, systematic, can multi-task, flexible, team player and can work under pressure.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Female, between 23 to 30 yrs old. An accounting graduate, CPA preferred. Knowledge in financial reporting/financial statements, familiar with regulatory requirements (SEC/BIR/SSS/PAG-IBIG/PHILHEALTH). Computer literate (Knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint). Must have good communication skills, highly organized, systematic, can multi-task, flexible, team player and can work under pressure.

SECRETARY

Female, between 25 to 32 yrs old. Graduate of a related course. Excellent English written/verbal communication skills. Computer literate (Knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint). Must have good communication skills, highly organized, systematic, can multi-task, flexible, team player and can work under pressure. Willing to work mall hours.

SALES CONSULTANTS

Male/Female 23 to 30 years old. Professional appearance w/ pleasing personality. Proficient in written/verbal English. Computer literate (Knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint). College graduate/level. Interested in telecoms products. Willing to be assigned in any of the company's 7 branches within Metro Manila and willing to work mall hours.

GENERAL CLERKS

Female 22 to 28 years old. Computer literate. College graduate/level. Must have good communication skills, highly organized, systematic, can multi-task, flexible, team player and can work under pressure. Willing to work mall hours.

EMAIL RESUME w/ 2x2 colored photo to: gml_greenbelt@yahoo.com.ph
Or Submit To: Globotel, G/F Greenbelt 1, Ayala Center, Makati City.
Contact Ms. Cathy Cardino for details: 0928-4438393 or 888-0104

POEA

24-HR

HOTLINES

722-1144

722-1155

PWEDE BA AKO
MAG-GUEST
DYAN?



Junior INQUIRER

E-mail: j@inquirer.com.ph

WHAT'S INSIDE:

There's more to the
saranggola
than you
think!
Page 5



SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007 ♦ 8 PAGES ♦ VOLUME 10, NUMBER 60

Rock and Dub



Raimund and Ney



Yael and Rico



Rico and Raimund

By Ruth L. Navarra

IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHY THE VOICES in Hero TV's newest series "Beck: Mongolian Chop Squad" sound familiar, that's because you probably hear them on the radio, in variety shows or even in concerts!

Eight music celebrities are the voices behind "Beck", a Japanese series dubbed in Filipino. Dubbing

is replacing the original voices with new ones speaking in a language that the viewers can understand.

Singers and musicians were tapped because the show is about the struggles and adventures of a band called Beck. However, they only dubbed the speaking voices of the characters because "Beck"

retains all its original Japanese songs.

The celebrities say that the show reflects the realities of being a musician: it's a lot of hard work, but it's also fun and rewarding.



BECK
MONGOLIAN CHOP SQUAD



SAM CONCEPCION
Character: Yukio
Tanaka, lead singer
of the band



The connection: Sam thinks that like Yukio, he is also quiet and reserved.

Behind-the-scenes: He confesses he got starstruck when he met the rest of the cast for the first time.



RICO BLANCO
of Rivermaya



Character: Ryusuke Minami, band leader and composer. Guardian of Beck the dog.

The connection: Rico says that he knows how Ryusuke felt when he did everything to get the guitar of his dreams. He remembers how it was when he was starting out and how his band instantly became everything for him.



JETT PANGAN of The Dawn
Character: Saitou Ken'ichi



The connection: Jett says that although he knows how to play the guitar like Saitou, he is nothing like him when it comes to swimming. Unlike his character who is a former Olympic contender, Jett says that he can only stay in a pool that's 5 feet deep.

Behind-the-scenes: Jett is the only cast member who has experienced dubbing. He was the voice behind Draco in "Voltes V Evolution".



RAIMUND MARASIGAN
of Sandwich



Character: Taira Yoshiyuki

The connection: "I don't have blonde hair (like Taira), but we both have great hair!" Raimund jokes.

Behind-the-scenes: Raimund says that he has always been a fan of anime. As soon as he started reading the script, he knew he wanted to do it so he can watch it with his daughter Atari.



TEDDY CORPUZ
of Rocksteddy
Character: Chiba
Tsunemi



The connection: Teddy proudly says that his character is "boisterous and moves like a worm, just like me!"



Yael YUZON
of Spongecola
Character: Yuji Sakurai



The connection: Yuji is the type who goes out of his way to help other people. Yael says he's the type who will stop his car to help a stranger change a tire.



NEY DIMACULANGAN
of 6cyclemind
Character: Eiji, the
lead singer of the Belle
Ame, a rival band.



The connection: Ney says that the only thing he has in common with the evil Eiji is being part of a band.



Think Out Loud!

How will the election results affect you?



If a good candidate won, he can build overpass bridges that would let me cross the street safely. But if a candidate who buys votes won, he'll just end up stealing money from the people.—**Darla Romanillos**, 10, Bacoor, Cavite



If the officials who won will not keep their promises, nothing will change in my life and our country will remain in bad state.—**Majo Dela Cruz**, 13, Antipolo City



If good candidates win, they can set examples that I can follow so I can be a better person in the future.—**Nikki Nuyda**, 10, Pasig City



A good leader can improve the situation of most people in our area. He can provide homes for the homeless.—**Erika May Caparros**, 10, Tandang Sora, Quezon City



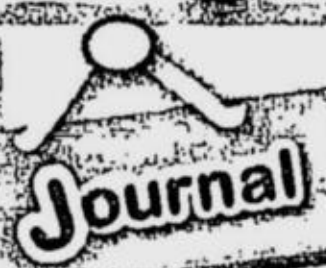
The right leader would know how to serve his citizens better. If he cares enough for his people, he would think about playgrounds and parks for kids.—**Jhazel Anne Frias**, 10, Caloocan City



Guyito's Corral

WELCOME TO MY CORRAL! This is your own special space, where you can express your thoughts and feelings about anything under the sun in the form of essays, poems, letters and even illustrations!

Send all contributions to ji@inquirer.com.ph. Don't forget to indicate your full name, age and the city where you live. We'll be waiting!



Journal

Being Different

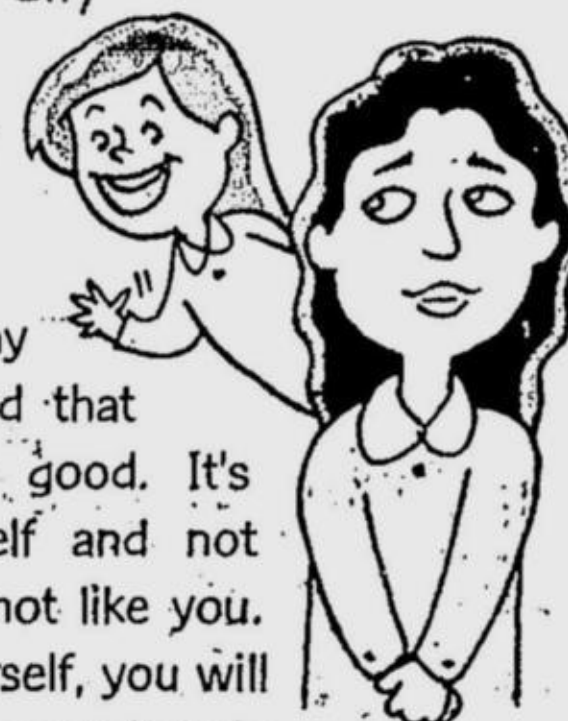
By Sharlin Ahmed, 12 years old, Las Piñas City

IT'S HARD BEING DIFFERENT: BEING A new student, being the only Muslim, and even being the only Bangladeshi girl. But it's only hard in the beginning.

Take me, for instance. I used to be really shy, and I could not make any friends. But one recess time, a girl approached me and asked me what my problem was. I told her that I had no friends because I was so different. She said, "Being different is good! It is better to be yourself than

to simply follow other people."

That girl became my best friend. I realized that being different was good. It's better to be yourself and not worry if people will not like you. By being true to yourself, you will also know people who are true to themselves.



HI JI,

Your fantastic newspaper rules!!!

You help me speak out loud, and I also know what's going on in our country or in different places. Because of you, I know where to go this summer.

And you helped me to be a hero in my own way.

—**Abiegail V. Bonifacio**
Grade 2
St. Scholastica's College Manila

Letter



Junior INQUIRER

GRACE M LEUNG
Editorial Consultant
LYNETT A. VILLARIBA
Design Consultant
LIZ RAÑOLA
Art Director
RUTH L. NAVARRA
Staff Writer
DIANNE M. VILLAFUERTE
Editorial Assistant
STEPHANIE BRAVO
Illustrator
CHITO SAN MATEO
Marketing Officer
MYLENE DE JESUS
Sales Officer

THE JUNIOR INQUIRER is published by the Philippine Daily Inquirer on each Sunday of the month.

E-mail: ji@inquirer.com.ph

Office address: Philippine Daily Inquirer Building, Chino Roces Ave. (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City, Philippines

Telephone number: 897-8808

loc. 340 (Editorial) and 534 (Sales).

Snail mail: P.O. Box 2353

Makati Central Post Office, 1263 Makati City, Philippines.

2005 Best Children's Newspaper Awarded Hall of Fame



Want to get to know other JI readers like you? Want to write to our Snoops? Or do you simply want to be the first to know about JI promos? Join our yahoo group! Just send a blank email to jireaders-subscribe@yahoo.com



Think Out Loud!

How will the election results affect you?



If a good candidate won, he can build overpass bridges that would let me cross the street safely. But if a candidate who buys votes won, he'll just end up stealing money from the people.—**Darla Romanillos**, 10, Bacoor, Cavite



If the officials who won will not keep their promises, nothing will change in my life and our country will remain in bad state.—**Majo Dela Cruz**, 13, Antipolo City



If good candidates win, they can set examples that I can follow so I can be a better person in the future.—**Nikki Nuyda**, 10, Pasig City



A good leader can improve the situation of most people in our area. He can provide homes for the homeless.—**Erika May Caparros**, 10, Tandang Sora, Quezon City



The right leader would know how to serve his citizens better. If he cares enough for his people, he would think about playgrounds and parks for kids.—**Jhazel Anne Frias**, 10, Caloocan City



Guyito's Corral



Journal

Being Different

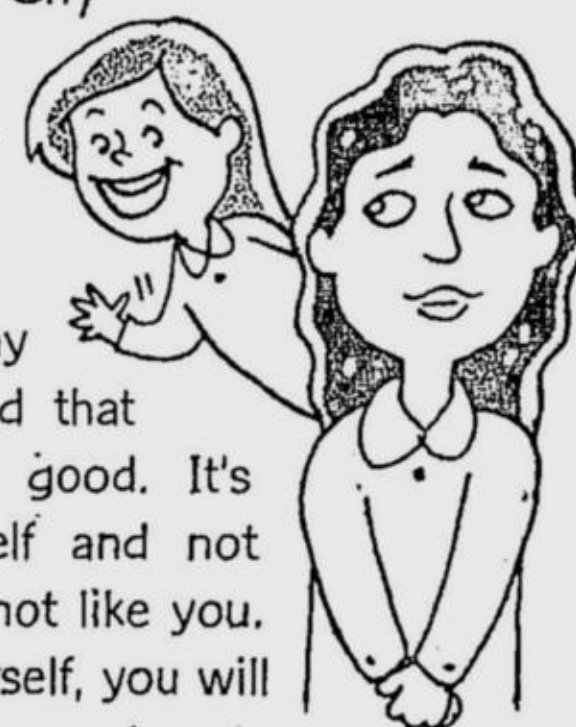
By Sharlin Ahmed, 12 years old, Las Piñas City

IT'S HARD BEING DIFFERENT: BEING A new student, being the only Muslim, and even being the only Bangladeshi girl. But it's only hard in the beginning.

Take me, for instance. I used to be really shy, and I could not make any friends. But one recess time, a girl approached me and asked me what my problem was. I told her that I had no friends because I was so different. She said, "Being different is good! It is better to be yourself than

to simply follow other people."

That girl became my best friend. I realized that being different was good. It's better to be yourself and not worry if people will not like you. By being true to yourself, you will also know people who are true to themselves.



HI JI,

Your fantastic newspaper rules!!!

You help me speak out loud, and I also know what's going on in our country or in different places. Because of you, I know where to go this summer.

And you helped me to be a hero in my own way.

—**Abiegail V. Bonifacio**
Grade 2
St. Scholastica's College Manila



Junior INQUIRER

GRACE M LEUNG
Editorial Consultant
LYNETT A. VILLARIBA
Design Consultant
LIZ RAÑOLA
Art Director
RUTH L. NAVARRA
Staff Writer
DIANNE M. VILLAFUERTE
Editorial Assistant
STEPHANIE BRAVO
Illustrator
CHITO SAN MATEO
Marketing Officer
MYLENE DE JESUS
Sales Officer

THE JUNIOR INQUIRER is published by the Philippine Daily Inquirer on each Sunday of the month.

E-mail: ji@inquirer.com.ph

Office address: Philippine Daily Inquirer Building, Chino Roces Ave. (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City, Philippines

Telephone number: 897-8808 loc. 340 (Editorial) and 534 (Sales).

Snail mail: P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office, 1263 Makati City, Philippines.

Best Children's News! Awardee Hall of Fame

Want to get to know other JI readers like you? Want to write to our Snoops? Or do you simply want to be the first to know about JI promos? Join our yahoogroup! Just send a blank email to jireaders-subscribe@yahoo.com

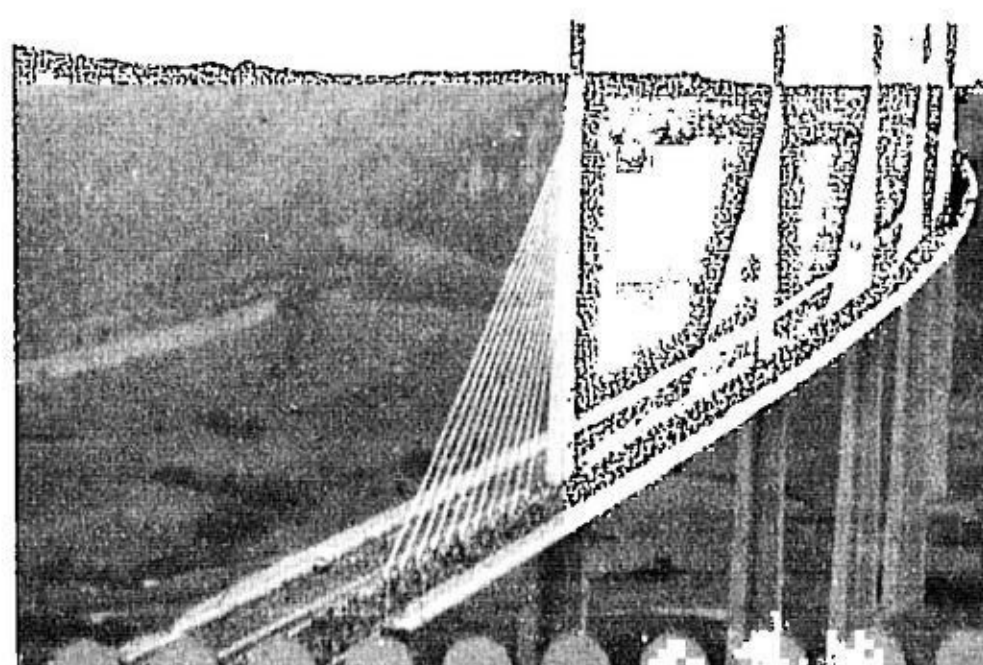
Millau, FRANCE



Let's cross the bridge...

...AND try to beat everyone else! These people don't just want to get to the other side. They're competitors in the Viaduc race, where they have to run across the Millau Viaduct, the highest bridge in the world at 343 meters. It creates a direct route between Paris and the Mediterranean coast.

Reuters



Manila, PHILIPPINES

Calling all candidates

SCAVENGERS sift through garbage in search of recyclable items at a dumpsite in Manila. Even as the campaign battle cry of fighting poverty can be heard throughout the Philippines, voters in the area say no candidate has set foot on the reeking garbage dump to shake their hands.

AP

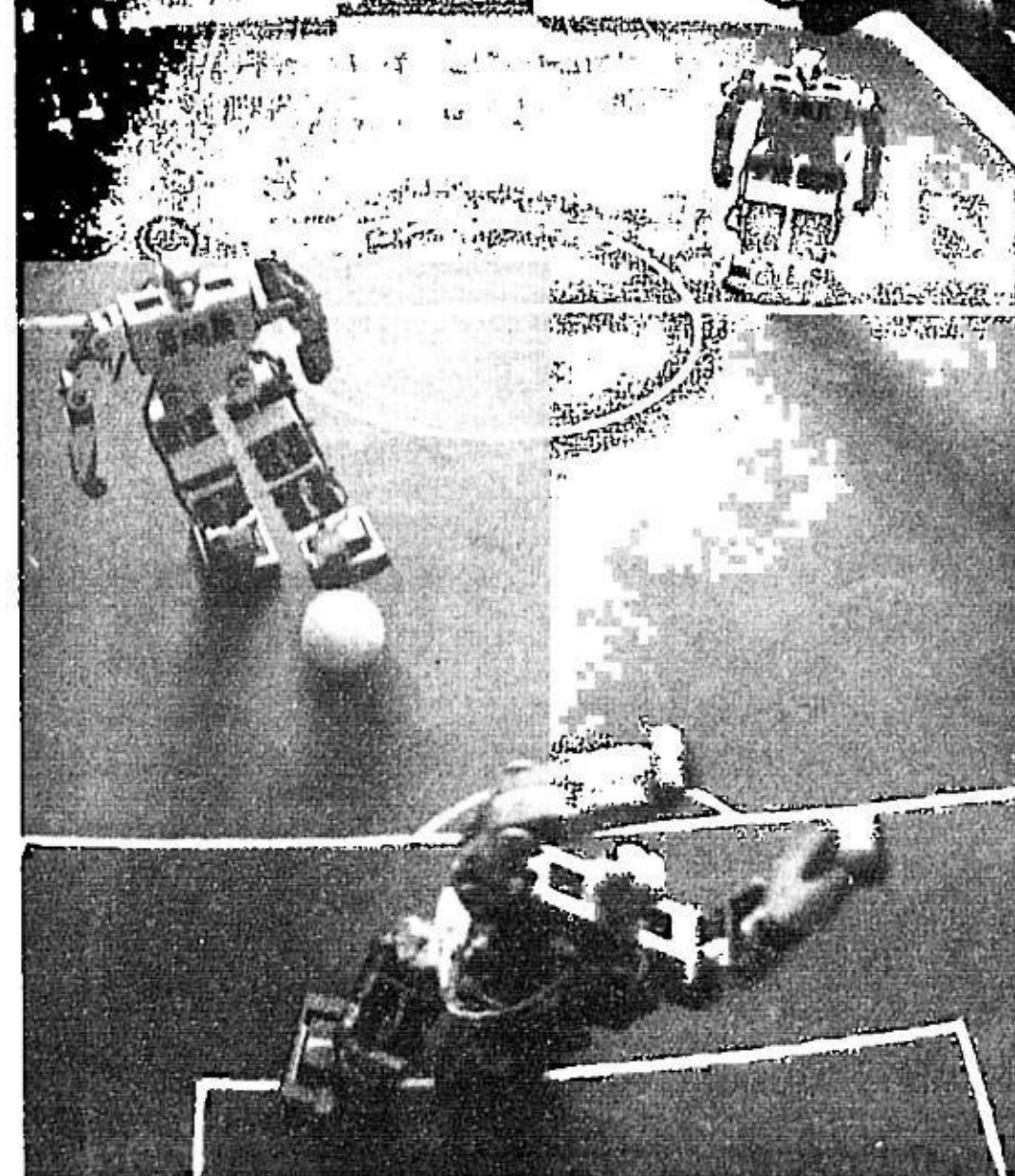


Hubei, CHINA

Robot soccer

CHECK out the robot goalie anticipating the ball! These robots are among the 300 participants from 86 teams that joined the 8th National Robot Soccer Contest in Wuhan. The winner will represent China in the finals of the 2007 FIRA World Cup Robot Soccer Contest to be held on June 13 in San Francisco.

Reuters



Tirana, ALBANIA

Why can't we be friends?

WHO says a wolf and a donkey can't be pals? This donkey was first brought into the enclosure to be fed to the wolf, which was caught in the Albanian mountains four months ago. The animals have since become attached to each other. They have lived together in the cage for the last 16 days, attracting curious villagers and local media.

AFP

WasSup World?



Florida, USA

Saved by Mom

THESE Florida black bears survived a fire at the Osceola National Forest. The cub (top photo) was found at the top of a pine tree while the mother (bottom photo) kept guard at the base. The mother's paws were badly burned.

AP

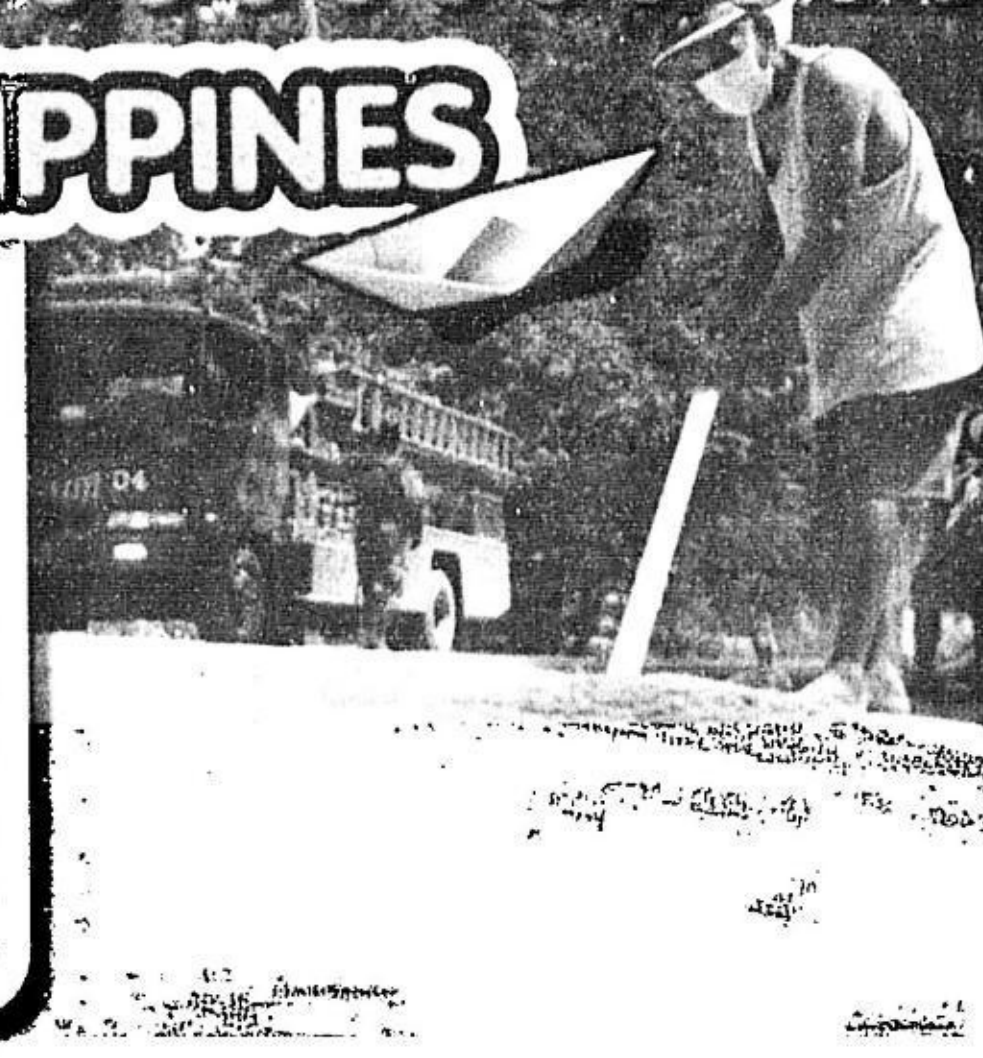


Bicol, PHILIPPINES

Ash shower

RESIDENTS and firemen of the town of Juban clean the road from volcanic ash after Bulusan volcano spewed a column of ash into the air. The unstable volcano showered 11 villages with ash, government scientists said.

AFP





By Pebbles Caganda

10 years old

Alabang, Muntinlupa



Pebbles with the
Compagnie XY



A modern circus



CAN YOU IMAGINE a circus without clowns, tightrope walkers, and ringmasters? Doesn't seem like much fun, does it?

Well, I have been to one, and it was one of the best experiences of my life!

The circus I saw at the Cultural Center of the Philippines was what you would call a modern circus. It's very different from an ordinary one because it's mostly acrobatic acts.

The acrobats are part of a visiting French group called Compagnie XY. They were brought here by the Alliance Francaise de Manille, an institution that promotes French culture in the Philippines. The group's visit is part of the celebration of France's season of spring.

Their show was very enjoyable and quite humorous! The acrobats jumped and balanced on boards, suitcases, and even on one another's shoulders. One of the girls balanced on a board that magically got higher and higher. I admired the way they made their difficult tricks look very easy.

But I had even more fun after the

show, when I got to interview the acrobats.

They told me that "XY" is actually a French expression that you say when you don't know the answer. The XY members all went to a circus school where they would run, lift weights and do a lot of exercises every day. No wonder they all seemed strong!

"You have to train hard to be a good acrobat," said a troupe member. "We have to work to be athletic. We do fitness training, running, dancing, balancing. It has to be complete and diverse."

When I asked for the name of the circus school, they said "Oh you'll find it funny!" I said that it was okay to tell me even if it were funny. They answered again, "Oh you'll find it funny!" The rest of the troupe all smiled knowingly. That's when it hit me that the name of the school was "Oh you'll find it funny!" They laughed so hard when I finally got the joke.

As we were leaving, I saw the suitcases that they used for the show. I tried carrying them and they were so heavy! I asked myself: all these carrying of heavy suitcases, balancing on people's shoulders, and having fun at the same time—how do they do it? Circus life is certainly interesting!





By Gab Gonzales

11 years old

Quezon City



SUMMER'S ALMOST over, so we should make the most of our free sunny days by enjoying outdoor activities. Like kite-flying!

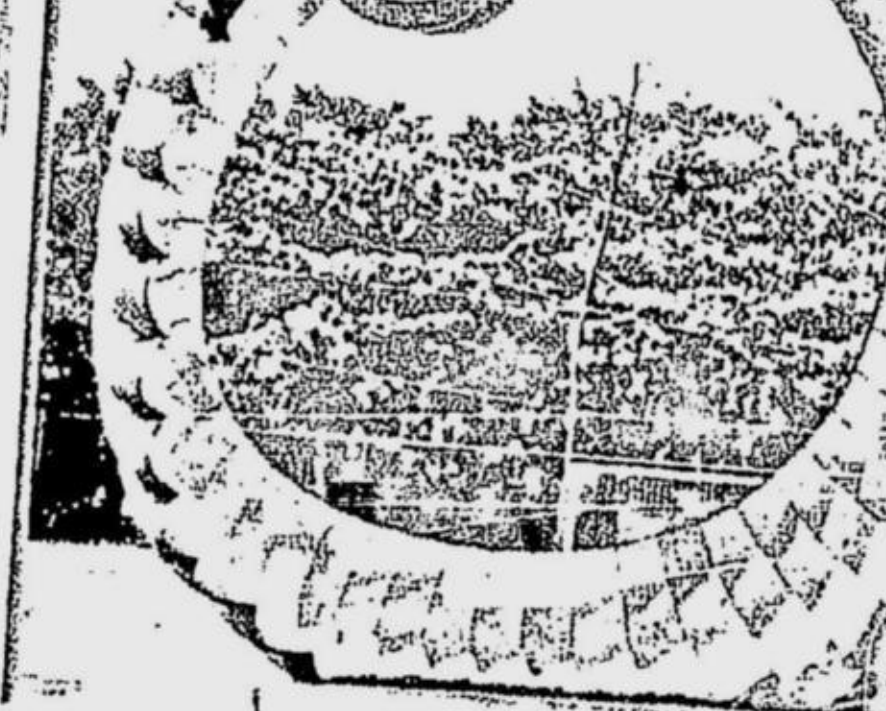
On May 5, I joined the members of the Kite Association of the Philippines at the Ateneo football field in Katipunan for a day of fun. It was the Yoshinoya Kiddie Kite Festival.

Aside from bringing back a tradition that used to be popular here in the Philippines, the event aimed to introduce the kinds of kites that are popular in Japan. You see, flying kites are a popular pastime for Japanese kids.

According to Mr. Orly Ongkingko, president of the Kite Association of the Philippines, "Both Filipinos and Japanese like kites very much. Both have their own traditional kites and designs."

I saw some of these traditional designs during the kite designing

Fly high!



During war time in Europe, kites were used to block bombs. How cool is that?

PHOTOS BY RODEL ROTON

contest at the festival. The kid participants colored Japanese designs inspired by Japanese legends. One was called "The Warrior" and the other was called "The Lady". Both were designed by Mikiotoki, a famous kite maker and designer in Japan.

Mister Ongkingko says that kites can be valued by kids all over the world. And I agree! What makes a kite even more valuable is that it can be passed on from generation to generation. If you notice, the ones who teach us to fly kites are our moms and dads, or even our grandpas and grandmas. After all, kites were their toys before high-tech gadgets came along. It's really an activity we can enjoy with the rest of our family!

Danger Zone



Even kites can be dangerous! You can get pulled by your kite when there are strong winds, or you can get hurt when the string attached to the kite rubs on your hand. A kite can even cause a helicopter to crash!

To prevent accidents from happening, here are some don'ts.

1. Don't fly kites near power plants.
2. Don't fly kites near airports.
3. Don't fly kites when there is a thunderstorm.
4. Don't fly kites on busy streets.
5. Don't fly kites on rooftops.



Secrets to Soar

Here are the elements of a satisfying kite-flying experience!

- ☐ Kite Material: bamboo or paper
- ☐ Weather: windy
- ☐ Time: noontime (It might be blazing hot outside, but it'll pay off.)

RAGNAROK

BY LEVEL-UP GAMES

THE PRO HYPERMART IS NOW OPEN! BUY IN-GAME ITEMS USING TOP-UP CREDITS! FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT [HTTP://WWW.RAGNAROK.PH](http://www.ragnarok.ph) SARAP TALAGA DITO SA MMO NG BAYAN!

INTERLUDE: The Lighthalzen Unseen

THE STORY SO FAR...

LI YANG FEI, HIGH Acolyte, BROUGHT ENYO THE HOMUNCULUS TO HER CREATOR, TZERERO, IN THE HOPE OF "FIXING" HER. BUT TZERERO DIRECTED FEI TO LIGHTHALZEN, THE CENTER OF ALL THINGS HOMUNCULUS.

ALONG THE WAY, FEI WAS JOINED BY VENDETTA THE ALCHEMIST.

ENYO WENT TO AMATSU TO FINISH HER UNFINISHED MISSION: TO KILL RAN, PRINCE OF AMATSU, AND LI YANG LIU, HIS WIFE AND FEI'S SISTER.

Story by: Mark Navarro
Art by: Jhomas Soriano, Jon Zamar & Ryan Gresco

RAN, A LORD KNIGHT, FOUGHT BRAVELY IN DEFENSE OF HIS WIFE, HIS UNBORN CHILD, AND HIS SOLDIERS.

BUT ENYO COMBINED HER SUPER NOVICE ABILITIES WITH THE POWER SHE DREW FROM THE DARK LORD, EVENTUALLY OVERCOMING THEIR BEST EFFORTS.

BEFORE ENYO COULD DISPATCH RAN AND LIU, TZERERO ARRIVED. THE SIGHT OF HIM, HER "FATHER", SEEMED TO UNHINGE ENYO, WHO STARTED ACTING LIKE A YOUNG GIRL AGAIN.

UP UNTIL THEN, FEI HAD TRIED EVERYTHING TO STOP ENYO BUT SHE FINALLY REALIZED SHE HAD NO CHOICE. WHILE ENYO WAS DISTRACTED, FEI CAST HOLY LIGHT ON HER FRIEND.

ENYO DIED IN TZERERO'S ARMS, CLEANSED OF THE DARK LORD'S EVIL INFLUENCE.

TO BE CONTINUED.

AT LIGHTHALZEN, VENDETTA'S FORMER TEACHER, PROFESSOR AZURIN, AGREED TO WORK ON ENYO.

HE RESTORED ENYO TO WORKING CONDITION BUT UNFORTUNATELY ALSO RETURNED HER TO HER ORIGINAL STATE... AN EVIL SERVANT OF THE DARK LORD!

THOUGH SHE WAS PREGNANT, LIU, AN AGGASSIN CROSS, EVEN HELPED WITH A WELL-TIMED SOUL DESTROYER.

Philippine Ragnarok ONLINE RPG

PUGAD BABOY

BY POL MEDINA JR.

Pugad Baboy

TAWAGIN MO 'YUNG TROPA! GAGAYAHIN NATIN 'YUNG TRIPLE-KICK NI NEO SA "THE MATRIX"!

OKEY! ... KUNAN MO 'TO, UTOY! ONE...TWO...

TEKA, MATIBAY BA 'YANG SCAFFOLD...

AYOS, KUYA BAB! IE-ENTER KO NA LANG ITO AT MAA-UPLOAD NA 'YUNG VIDEO SA YOUTUBE...

SIGE, SUBUKAN MO!

DUDURAN KITA!!

POL MEDINA JR.

SUNDAY,
MAY 20, 2007

INQUIRER COMICS *Uncle*

7

BUCKLES

BY DAVID GILBERT

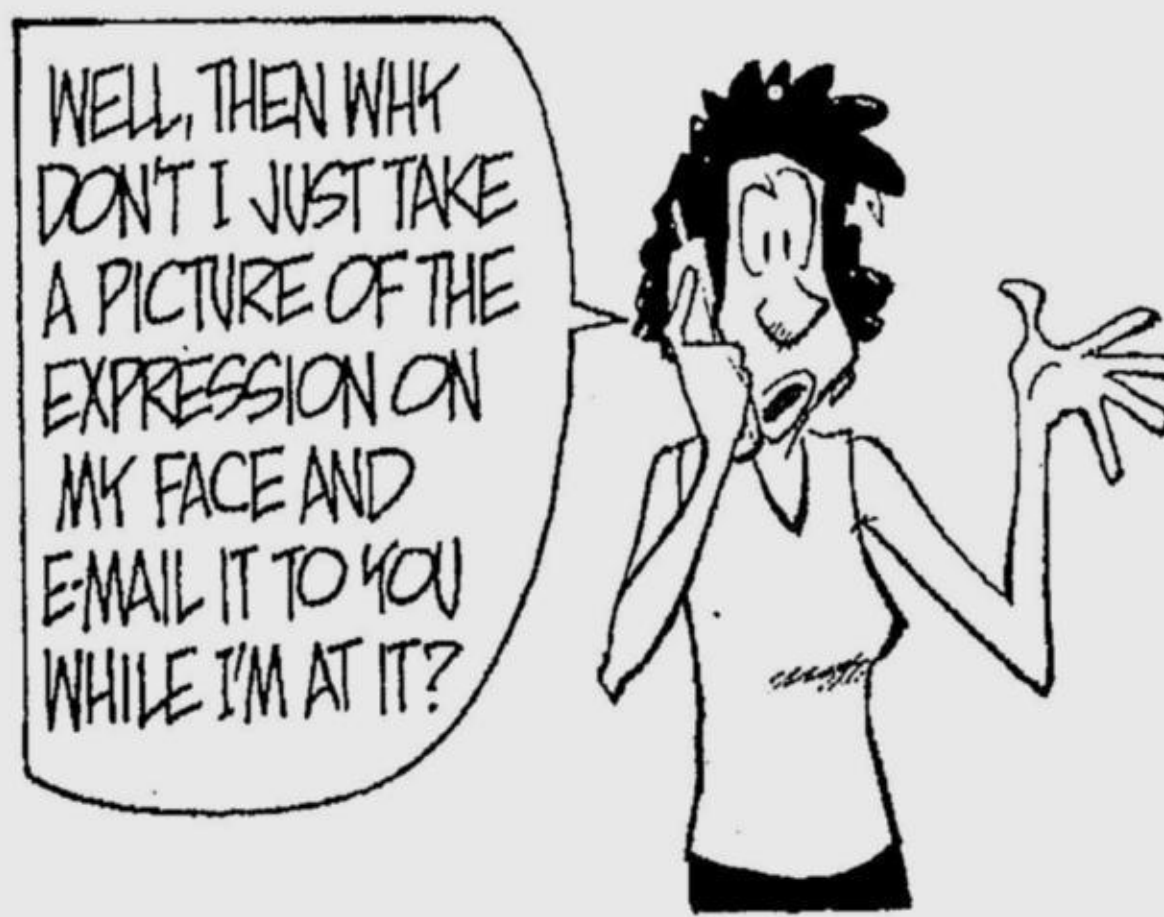
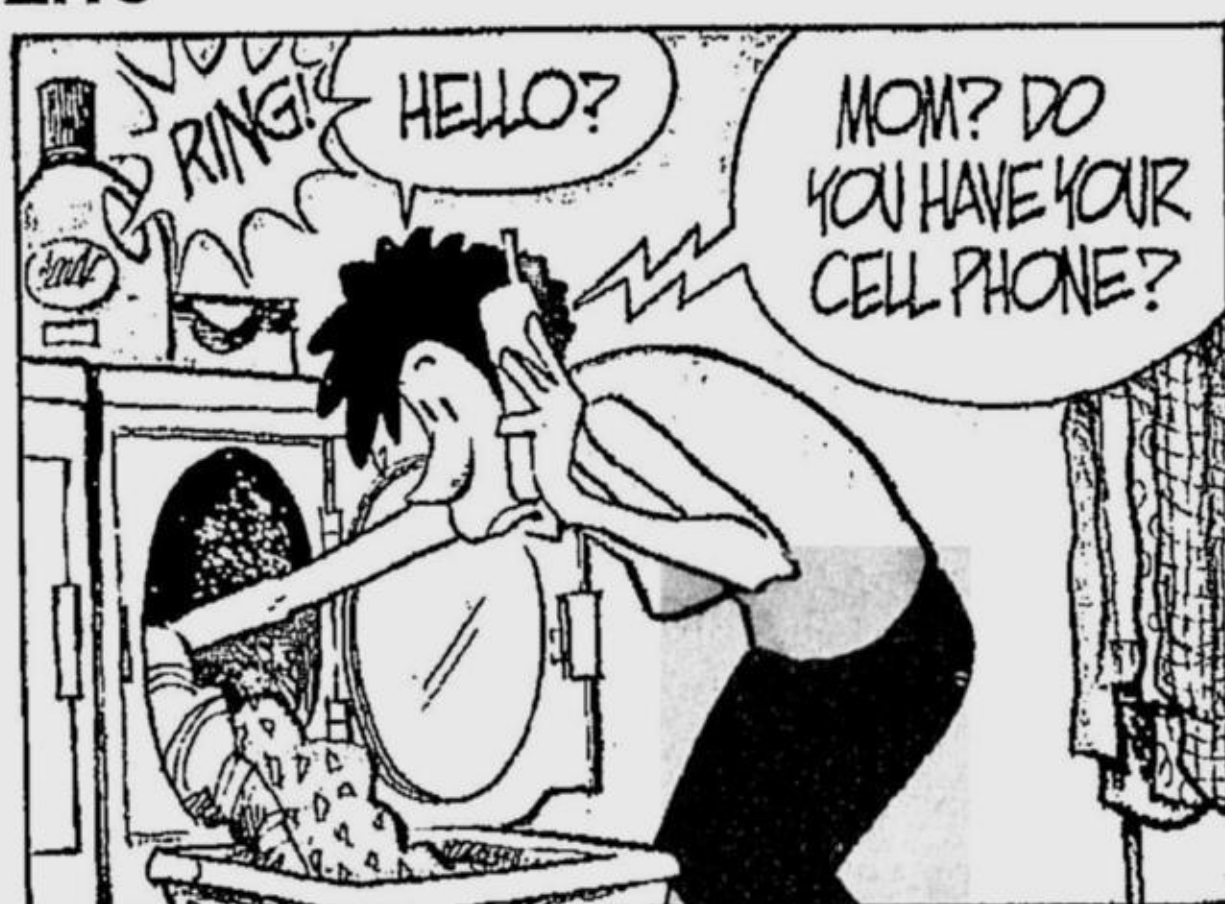


©2006 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.
www.bucklescomic.com



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



©2007 ZITS Partnership. Distributed by King Features Syndicate.

GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

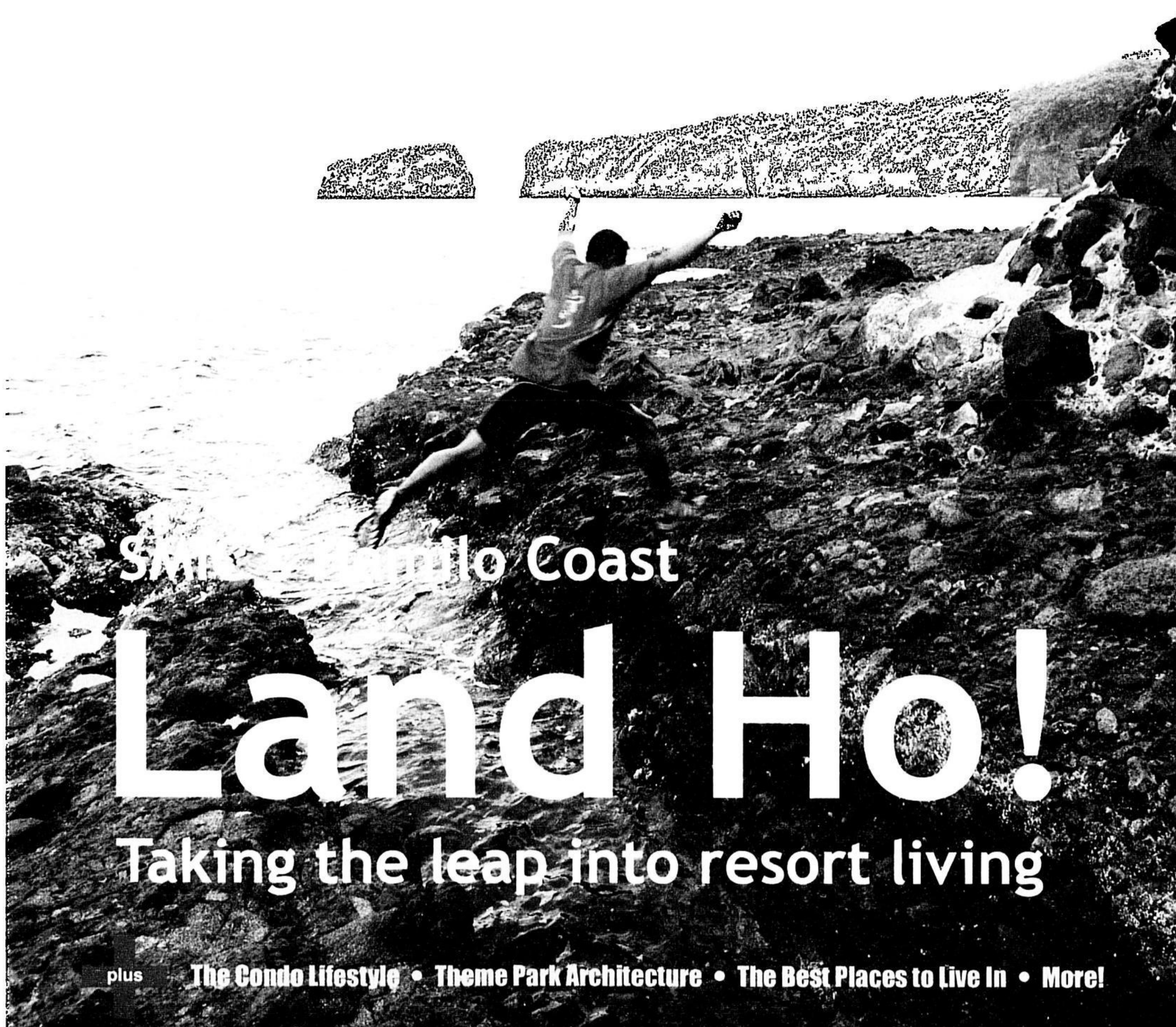


Steph Bravo's Full House will be back next week

*sunday*INQUIRER*magazine*

May 20, 2007

FREE



Swim on the Coast

Land Ho!

Taking the leap into resort living

plus

The Condo Lifestyle • Theme Park Architecture • The Best Places to Live In • More!

By Ross Harper-Alonso

Stress and the City

Everyone wants a piece of land smack in the heart of the city, just steps away from the mall, the MRT and the shops. But sometimes you just have to get away. Here's how and where

Photographs by Maria Suleiman



Country cottage at Sonya's Garden

1. Sonya's Garden Restaurant & Country Bed and Breakfast Alfonso, Cavite

It may not be much of a secret garden anymore, but Sonya Garcia's romantic retreat remains a soothing oasis, where the sound of birdsong is broken only by the trickle of water. Here, the English-style garden perfumes the air, while the elegance of country cottages, a pampering salon and a healthy dining experience set a mood that's almost formal but still extremely pleasant and relaxing.

This is an ideal getaway for those who want some personal space and who appreciate nature, silence, impeccable taste and a professional staff known for its reserved manners and warm hospitality.

Buffet Lunch of salad greens, pasta and fresh juices: P550++ per person
Breakfast from 8-10 a.m.: P350

Sonya's Signature Massage: P700/1 hour

Reservations: 09175335140 and 09175329097; Website: www.sonyasgarden.com

2. Café Casa Rap, San Jose, Batangas

With Levi Celerio's "Sa Ugoy ng Duyan" playing softly in the background, this tranquil stopover is like chicken soup for the soul. It has evolved from a small *sari-sari* store to a charming and rustic café offering home-cooked Batangueño dishes. Noted for its natural allure, Casa Rap reflects the heart of its owners, former Good Shepherd nuns Emma Alday and Felma Lagahit, who keep a lifestyle that illustrates the viable co-existence between people and nature. Enjoy *bulalo*, fern (*pako*) salad, *kaldereta*, *barako* coffee and *suman sa lihiya* amidst a tropical garden setting with handcarved wooden furniture and earthenware

pottery adding to the countryside ambience. To round off this nostalgic trip down rural lane, visit San Jose's historical church and the Kawa Kawa River only 15 minutes away.

Details and reservations: 043-7262873; Sister Emma: 09162126685

3. Meralco Management Leadership Development Center (MMLDC) Sumulong Highway, Antipolo, Rizal

Before the MMLDC opened its doors to the public in 1999, it was a large fruit farm with 3,000 trees. Today it is an environmentally aware knowledge center and family getaway that blends naturally into the rolling terrain. Visitors can tour the aviary of rare and exotic birds or use the swimming pool and other facilities.

There's also a food hall and the Areva Pavillion that serves pizza and pasta.

Inquiries: (02) 632-8111 or check website www.mmmldc.org

4. The Spa

For those who prefer their pampering in a familiar and comfortable setting, The Spa's luxurious facilities should be perfect. Massage Gift

Certificates begin at P780 at any of its five branches and offers an hour of pure indulgence that warms the heart, comforts the soul and relaxes the body.

For details, please call The Spa Acropolis 6342709; Alabang 8503490, 8506604, 8506836; Bel-Air 8955858, 8956868; Greenbelt 8401325, 8401326; Podium 6388388, 6388588. Or visit www.thespa.com.ph

5. The National Museum of the Filipino People, Agrifina Circle, Rizal Park

Take a leisurely walk through the grand halls of the former Finance Building and rediscover the secrets of our past. The National Museum is the repository and guardian of the Philippines' natural and cultural heritage. According to historian Ambeth Ocampo, the museum management is elated when it manages to get 150,000 visitors a year, the same number of people that any SM Mall gets on a slow day. Let this museum give you a welcome break. Beats any *koreanovela* in telling us stories about ourselves and our country.

Museum is open Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entrance fee: P100. Sunday, free entrance, no guided tours. Tel. 5270278; website: www.members.tripod.com/philmuseum/index



Café Casa Rap outdoor dining

Don't let your allergy ruin the moment.



LORATADINE

CLARITIN™

FORMULA
IS 24/7

Power Over Allergy

Acts as fast as 15 minutes.

Lasts for as long as 24 hours.

With virtually 0 drowsiness.

To help you take control over common allergens
such as dust, smoke, pollen and pets.

 Schering-Plough



Dosage and Administration: Adults and children 12 years of age and over: One tablet once daily. If symptoms persist, consult your doctor.

By Margaux Salcedo

Not Just the Food

They may not have been the best restaurants then, but the memories they created have left a lasting legacy

A RESTAURANT is never just about food. A good restaurant should also be about the memories that are created there: the ambience, the scents and sounds, the furniture and the finish, the company and the conversation. If you want your restaurant to leave a legacy, make sure it is conducive to these deliverables.

One of the memorable restaurants of my childhood is the old Shakey's in BF Homes. A real pizza parlor. There was a band at the corner, dim lights, overflowing rootbeer and really good pizza. Then Pizza Hut came along, with its sticky cheese (remember that ad?) and the concept of the pizza parlor was trashed in favor of "family style" pizza forever. I still prefer the concept of the old pub though—pizza with rootbeer and a good time. I remember my dad winding down at Shakey's with my sister and me, over pizza after a long day.

Another pizza place that brings back lots of memories is the old Angelino's on Pasay Road. Back then, it seemed to be the only date place, and we would go there in our Giordano or Lacoste shirts tucked into our high waist jeans, Mikee Cojuangco-style, for our *barkada* nights. Then there were Angelino's and Dean Street Cafe. One of my doctor friends recalls his first-ever blind date at this restaurant, where his date mistook the gravy for soup, finished it, and only realized it was actually gravy when the order of soup arrived!

Speaking of dates, I recall the date restaurants of our college days: Via Mare in Greenbelt,

where you just had to order oysters, then later the newly-opened Italiannis, also in Greenbelt. I still remember seeing Pops Fernandez and Dayanara Torres there once, doing some girl bonding over the newly-introduced concept of bottomless iced tea.

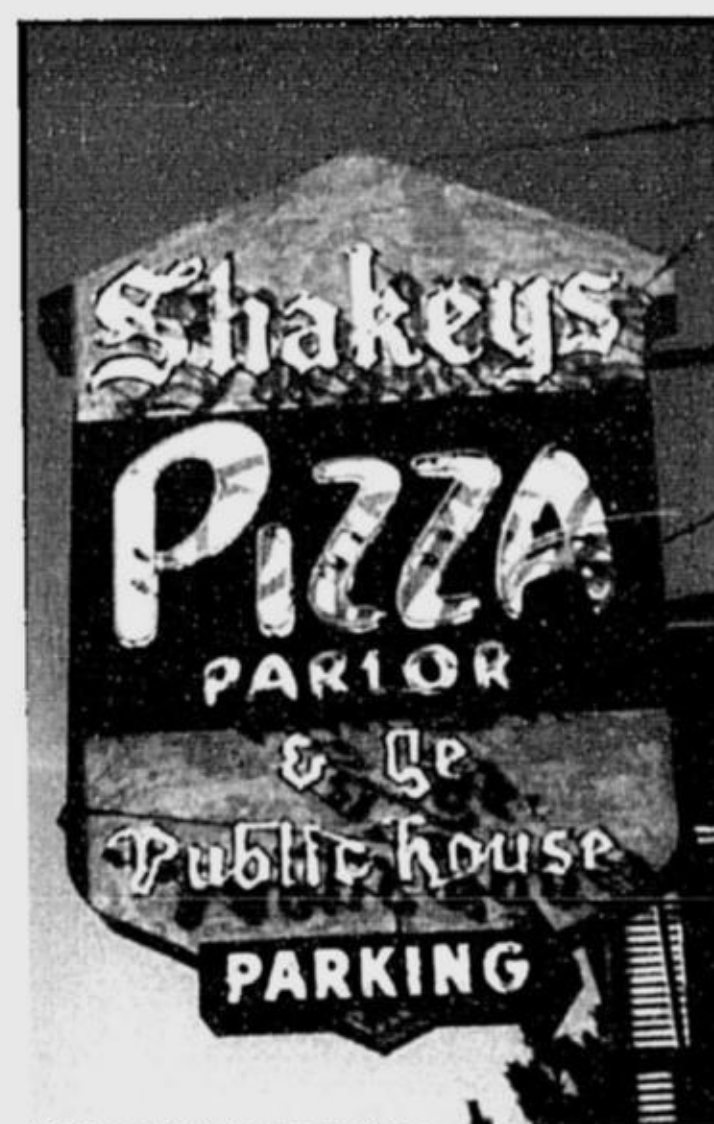
When I was in law school, I discovered a classier restaurant, which in fact is another great pizza place. It is an old restaurant at the corner of Reposo past Kalayaan, with an art gallery on the second floor. The name of this restaurant is Caffè Maestro, and it is owned by the same owners as L'Opera. Aside from their amazing bread—they have perfected the art of baking dough to a T—they also have really great service and a homey, rustic ambience that is conducive to great conversation and, with the wine, some mild flirtation.

Then there are the restaurants of "firsts." I learned to eat steak at Bull and Bear in New York City, where I remember my father teaching me how to hold a knife properly and how to distinguish between rare and medium rare steak (I was in fifth grade). I had my first taste of *foie gras* at a simple French restaurant named Balthazar, also in New York, where my friend Phil, who brought me there, couldn't believe that I did not appreciate *foie gras* (that was then!)

On a less high brow level, I only learned to distinguish pastas at Cibo, when Gaita Fores took the challenge of marketing Italian food into her own hands and started the Italian revolution of the late '90s.



Childhood memories a la carte: Restaurants worth remembering



I learned to use chopsticks on board a Cathay Pacific flight when I was in third grade, thanks to their handy individually-wrapped chopsticks with instructions on the back of the cover. I learned to appreciate scotch at Nuvo (yes, I am a late bloomer), thanks to the jerk who punched my heart, and Jardy, my best bud who said that since I was drinking already I might as well up the ante and become a scotch connoisseur (by the by, they have a decent selection of alcohol at Nuvo). I learned to appreciate sole in Pastis (New York) and "isdang bato" over lunch with a barangay captain in a hut in Mindoro.

Then there are the restaurants

to come home to: every time a relative from abroad is in town, it is SOP for our family to take them straight from the airport to the Aristocrat on Roxas Boulevard for chicken barbecue and *achara*. And the restaurants that are a last stop before they leave: my mom always makes sure the *balikbayan* guest stops for *ensaimada* at Hizon's in Malate, and packs a box of the bakeshop's goodies for him or her to take along on the trip back.

Jotting down this hodge podge of memories, I recall the old Magnolia House in New Manila—where my cousins and I would hang out with our Mamang for some ice cream delights after swimming, and the best places for early morning after-gimmick chow: Goodah near Pasong Tamo, and Rufo's on Kalayaan.

I'm sure you have your own recollections as well. They may not always have been the best restaurants then and now, but as anyone can see, a restaurant is never just about the food. •

By Alya B. Honasan

Say hi to high-rises

Why living in a condo is good for you and Mother Earth

PEOPLE began investing in them because they looked hip and high-tech, what with 24-hour security, elevators and garbage chutes. But today, the evidence is clear: condominium living is the wave of the future. And here's why:

1) It's cheaper. If you can afford a house and lot with your own garden, lucky you. But in terms of financial output, it is certainly less expensive to live in a condominium unit in a prime location like Makati or Ortigas than it is to buy a house and lot in the same area, which could set you back at least P10 million. Meanwhile, for a unit in an affordable development by Cityland, one of the country's most prolific condo builders, you can spend anywhere between P900,000 for a single's studio to P3.8 million for a three-bedroom unit that will fit an entire family. You get to pay as little as P178,000 down payment for a studio, and plunk down a manageable P11,950 monthly.

"We've pioneered the industry in reasonably-priced condominium living," says Cityland Assistant Unit Vice-President Marites Batino. "Plus, we offer amenities such as gyms and common-owned recreational facilities like a swimming pool and sauna. You get the best value for your money."

2) What you give up in space, you make up for in convenience and security. From an aesthetic point of view, a house allows more flexibility for fixing up, admits designer Ito Kish of Gallano Designs and the interiors store Kish on

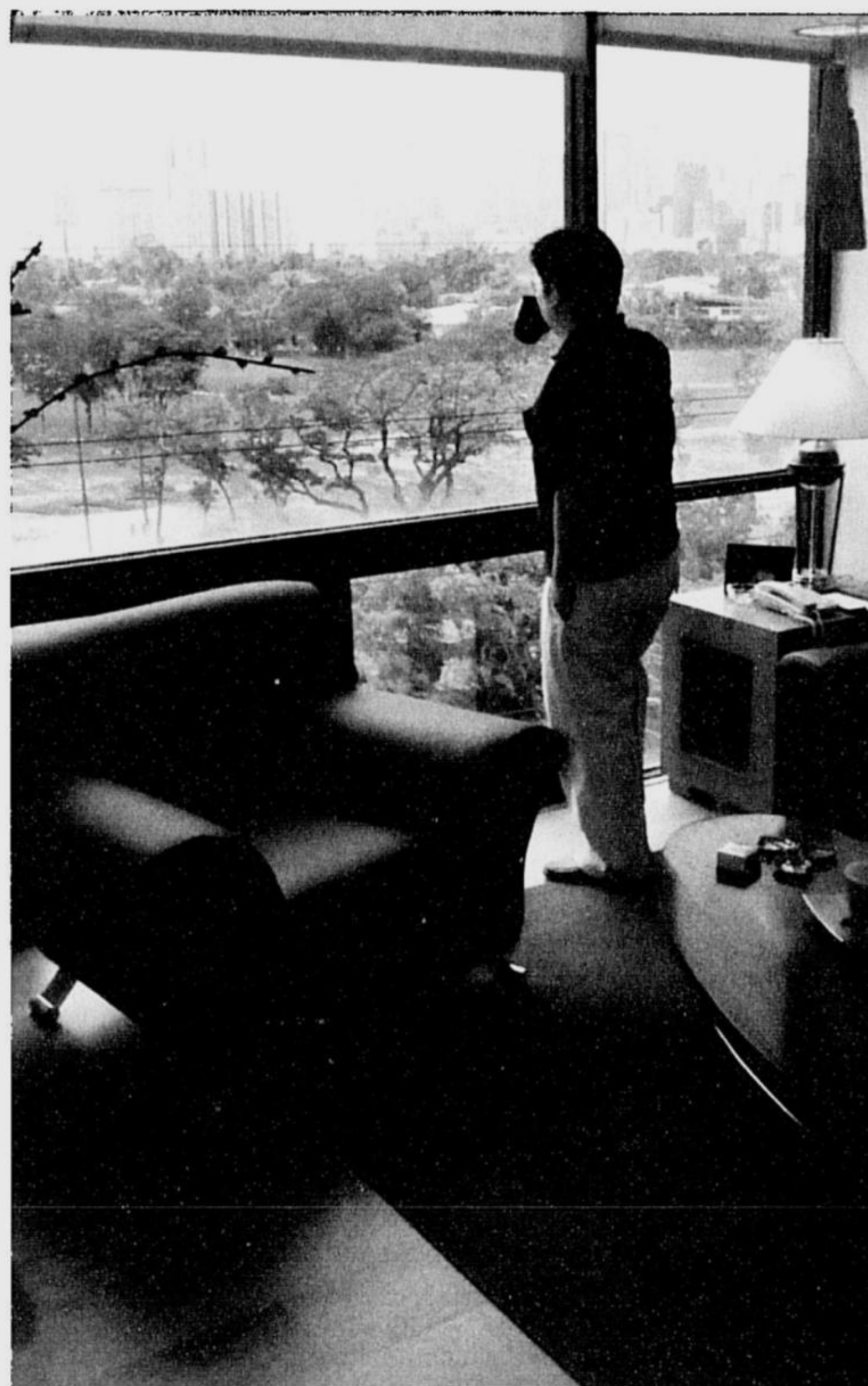
Reposo St. in Makati. But that certainly doesn't mean you can't fix up a condo, with designers challenged to make creative use of every inch of space. Besides, says Kish, a condo is the most practical choice for urban living. "Condos give you a wide choice of what's available in terms of proximity to where you work, your kids' school, or access to public transportation and commercial areas."

Batino agrees. "Most condominiums are strategically located in the heart of the city, where everything is just a few steps away."

For a condo dweller, there's the added benefit of having a building administration that takes care of the messy stuff for you. "My landlady takes care of major repairs, like when a typhoon ruined my ceiling," recounts Joy Rojas, a writer who has lived in a condominium unit for the past 12 years, since moving out of the family home. "Termites started feasting on the wood, so my landlady had the entire ceiling and parts of the doors changed and repainted. She even allowed me to sleep in a vacant unit for free while this was going on."

And then there's the freedom that comes with security. "You can leave your condo for days, and not worry that your things won't be there when you get back," says Kish. "I can come and go as I please," seconds Rojas.

3) It's environment-friendly—something to consider



Most condos are strategically located in the heart of the city

in this age of global warming and depleted energy sources. In a recent cover story on 51 ways to help save the environment, Time Magazine included such suggestions as "Ditch the mansion" and "Move to a high-rise."

"Oversize houses aren't just architecturally offensive, they also generally require more energy to heat and cool than smaller ones, even with efficient appliances," writes Bryan Walsh. With the world getting smaller and urban sprawl choking up resources, the best way to go is up. The

garbage collection is centralized, professional maintenance ensures that systems don't become inefficient and wasteful—and you're still smack in the middle of all your modern conveniences, which means you use less gas to get to work and school by walking or taking public transport. "The denser the area you call home, the smaller your personal carbon footprint—not to mention your gas and electricity bill," Walsh says. You're living cheap and easy, and you're being good to Mother Earth—fancy that. •

Interiors by Joy Adriano / Photo by Jim Guiao Punzalan

By Leica R. Carpo

From Gray to Green

Sick and tired of the city's concrete jungle? A residential resort development just might be the answer, says SM Investments Corp., whose latest venture, Hamilo Coast, showcases a robust partnership with nature and the environment

MALLING has definitely become a favorite Pinoy pastime in the past 10 years, what with the heat and humidity driving hordes of shoppers into airconditioned comfort and the promise of good bargains. Credit that to SM Investments Corporation (SMIC), which parlayed a small Carriedo, Sta. Cruz, Manila shoe store into a giant mall franchise numbering 29 to date. SMIC too has tucked under its belt the distinction of building the largest shopping complex in Asia with its SM Mall of Asia right by the Manila Bay.

Setting its sights further, SMIC looked across Manila Bay and found pristine waters and an expanse of green, a nature-rich setting as yet untouched and beckoning. Why not real estate? After all, every other Filipino dreams of owning a piece of land.

Says Josefino Lucas, executive vice president of SMIC's Commercial Property & Resorts Group: "Real estate has always been an integral part of the retail business, particularly because the bricks and mortar part of that business is the development of shopping malls in major population centers. Providing physical spaces to house our retail activities is essentially real estate development."

But rather than developing another high rise complex, SMIC thought of going into a venture that would entice families into a new housing development that provides not only shelter but also has minimal impact on the environment. Lucas himself was persuaded to come on board and take a leave from his post as senior lecturer on Urban Design and Community Architecture at the University of the Philippines. "The Pico de Loro Cove in Hamilo Coast and its environs are good examples of some of the country's beautiful landscapes and potential tourism sites. It is important that we work for the preservation of these natural assets, says Lucas. So convinced was SMIC about Hamilo Coast's viability that it invested P5 billion for the initial phase of the Pico de Loro Cove



Lucas and an artist's rendition of the cove's clubhouse

development:

With the prospect of global warming putting everyone on the hot seat, building eco-friendly property has become not just sound business practice, but a survival option, notes the company. 'Eco Chic' has prompted developers to consider nature as their ally instead of adversary. SMIC, Lucas says, understands the gravity of the environmental crisis and has found a way to be part of the solution.

"We will be working with such partners as WWF-Philippines and other stakeholders in the communities where we operate. We will also be developing programs and projects that support environmental principles. In particular, WWF will undertake soil stabilization studies, ecological footprinting and coastal resource management and planning. It will also develop ecotourism activities and standards together with our development team."

Hamilo Coast has 13 coves of varying sizes and character, each framed by an interesting topography of hills and mountains and lashed with a breathtaking 32-km coastline opening up to the South China Sea. The development will offer various eco-adventure activities designed to fit the experience level of adventure or leisure seekers. Sports and recreational activities will be designed around the sites in a natural setting. As the project espouses Eco Tourism, its objective, Lucas says, is to achieve an economically viable development which is also environmentally and socially sustainable.

A concrete example of SMIC's commitment to 'going green' is the hiring of adventure experts Sandugo who have been commissioned to ensure the safety and feasibility of the different adventure

(continued on page 12)

Home Insurance 101

Home is where the heart is. It's also where termites dwell, fires start and lightning strikes. Time to get a home insurance policy

IT'S got a white picket fence, a manicured lawn, those slate shingles you've always wanted, and a gazebo—all in 500 square meters of prime land. Finally, your dream home!

Next to relationships and business, it's in our home that we invest so much time, attention and money. Whatever the size or style, our home is an extension of ourselves, and shelters everything that we hold dear. Which also means we'd go the whole nine yards to protect it. Now that's reason enough to buy some home insurance.

Actually, there's only one kind of home insurance, explains Allan V. Tamayo, branch manager of Generali Pilipinas Insurance Co. This home insurance, he adds, "covers basic perils, specifically fire and lightning." The homeowner, however, can specify add-ons to the package to broaden the protection offered to cover "earthquakes, floods, typhoons, riots, strikes, malicious damage, burglary and finally, public liability."

But whatever policy you choose, says Tamayo, it's important to understand how home insurance works to avoid "potential financial misfortune."

Security tops the list of reasons that prompt homeowners to buy home insurance. "Having one gives you peace of mind," explains Tamayo. Whatever damage unforeseen circumstances may wreak on your home, at least you know that the insurance will take care of it, he adds.

It's particularly important to have home insurance in this country, Tamayo underscores, because "we're prone to such perils as earthquakes, typhoons and floods." The tropical climate also increases the risk of home damage. "The intense heat adds to the risk of fire. In fact, the government has declared March, the start of summer, as fire prevention month."

Buying home insurance isn't so simple, however. On top of the premiums one has to pay, a lot of other factors have to be considered. First, the type of policy you



Tamayo: "Don't be afraid to ask questions"

need, based on an assessment of the level of protection you're after. Do you want special provisions for your valuables like jewelry, antiques, books, musical instruments, camera equipment, and expensive home appliances?

"First, know the estimated worth of your house and its contents," advises Tamayo. "This gives you an idea of the total amount of protection you may get."

Consider your surroundings as well, especially if you live in a flood-prone area and risk water damage to your possessions.

Prepare to give a good deal of information once you apply for home insurance, including your employment history and previous addresses. As in other insurance policies, you may have to undergo a background check to see if you are a "good risk."

Other details pertaining to the house itself should also be provided. "Exact location of risk, complete name of owner, complete address, how much protection is needed, boundaries of the house, classification of the house (whether it's class A, B or C in terms of structure), type of house (bungalow, two or three storeys), and its make—is it concrete or wood?"

A lot of factors go into determining the

premium you have to pay. How old is the house? Where is it located? How big is it? How many rooms? Does it have central air-conditioning?

Before signing on the dotted line, cautions Tamayo, "make sure you understand everything that's stipulated in the contract." Don't be afraid to ask questions. A good insurance agent welcomes questions and should be able to explain the insurance's provisions clearly.

Go over the policy again. "Confirm the amount of coverage you have indicated, and make sure that all details pertaining to your house are accurate. Moreover, if you requested for some perils to be included in the coverage, these should be among the provisions stated in the policy," says Tamayo.

Keep an original copy of the policy and ask for one if it isn't supplied to you. "Go over the rates stipulated to make sure everything is right. Should you have other concerns, do not hesitate to ask your agent so there won't be any uncertainties."

Before you settle on buying a particular home insurance, remember to do extensive research on different policies. More than just material possessions, your home and everything in it are part of your life and shape your family's memories. It deserves a little more time for you to go shopping around to find the best and most comprehensive coverage and protection. •

Top Three Questions to Ask Your Agent Before Taking the Plunge

1. How fast will I be able process a claim?
2. Will I be able to get the full amount of the insurance?
3. What documents do I need to prepare when making a claim?

By Claire Agbayani

Living La Vida LOCAtion

Is Baguio the best city to live in? Most people we've asked think so

SOMETIMES it's not the place and what it offers, but the memories we associate with it.

And so, of the many respondents that SIM interviewed on the best cities in the country, no one mentioned Cebu which, along with Metro Manila and Davao, was named among the 40 best Asian cities to live in by Asiaweek in 1999.

The newsmagazine's equivalent of Asia's quality of life report used 23 indicators to measure performance. Among them are: average life expectancy, hospital beds per 1000 people, per-capita state expenditure on education, amount of sulfur dioxide in the air, average monthly rental per square meter, ratio of housing price to income, square meter of parks and fields per capita, vehicles per km of road, existence of a mass transit system, unemployment rate, number of movie theaters per 100,000, vacation and public holidays per year, criminal cases for every 10,000 people, number of TV sets per 1000 people, average time taken to commute to work, percentage of population with sewerage system and average income.

Most of the respondents mentioned the cities they grew up in, and where they spent the best years of their youth. Warmth was a recurrent theme—ironic, considering that Baguio, the country's summer capital with its cool temperature, ranked highest

among the respondents' choice of best city in the Philippines.

Here's what the others say:

"Makati is the best city to live in here, because world-class coffee is never more than 100 meters away."—**Dale Rutstein**; *grew up in the US, has lived in different cities of the world, currently resides and works in Makati City*

"Davao City. It's like having the best destinations in the Philippines served in one big city. You want to experience Baguio? Go to Eden Nature Park, a 30-minute ride from downtown Davao. If you want to go to Boracay, there's Samal Island just 15 minutes away. Another 15-minute ride to Calinan and you find sweet pomelo sold at P100 for three kilos. It's like Manila without the traffic. It's like a province with tall buildings. And nothing beats the peace and order. God bless Davao!"—**Bogs Quitain**, 28, *law student and musician; born and raised in Davao, lived in Los Baños, Laguna, now stays in Roxas District, Quezon City*

"Why Baguio City? I lived there for six years in the late '80s, and I loved every minute of it. I loved the cold weather; it's like having air-conditioning 24/7. I loved walking for miles without breaking a sweat. I loved having fresh vegetables anytime I wanted. I loved how people would notice my rosy cheeks whenever the weather got especially cold. It's also the most hospitable place in the Philippines—something to do with the climate, I guess. People here are more polite, less hurried and more attentive to customers. It's like being embraced by all that is pure, happy, wonderful and peaceful. I love this place!"—**Tracy Japson-Jimenez**, 37 years old, *medical representative; has lived in Cavite, Baguio and Batangas*

"My hometown Dumaguete, City of Poets. It is the best place to live in for its sylvan setting by the sea. Today, retirees from many lands have come to stay. Many poets have written paeans to its charms,



De Castro: "Everybody knows everybody in Iloilo City"

memorializing its famous landmarks like Rizal Boulevard, its lamp posts and acacia trees. In this city, poets can take long walks to nourish their creativity. Dumagueteños, too, are unique because they appreciate the poet within their Republic."—**Christine F. Godinez-Ortega**, *professor of English, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT); director, Iligan National Writers Workshop; president, Mindanao Creative Writers Group; moved from Dumaguete City to Iligan City*

"I have lived in several cities in the Philippines, but nothing comes close to the atmosphere of Baguio City. No other city, not even Tagaytay, comes close to having the cool, fresh and pine-scented mountain air, the afternoon fog (not smog), fresh vegetables, and fresh strawberries. Where else in the Philippine islands can one truly enjoy a fireplace where wood is actually burned?! The warmth of a fireplace and good conversation with friends and family during the coldest days of the year are best experienced in Baguio City."—**Francis Daytec**, 36, *physician; born and raised in Baguio City*

"I am very fortunate to have grown up in Baguio. It is a city set apart because of its natural beauty and splendor. Walking from one place to another is a breeze, and that leaves us with more time for and with the family. Baguio feels more like a village where everyone knows everyone. The cultural atmosphere also keeps indigenous and contemporary artistic expression alive. And we have fresh produce everyday!"—**Peter Rey Bautista**, 38,



Quitain: "God bless Davao"

(continued on page 10)

By Eric S. Caruncho

Welcome to Cheeseville (or should we say ... Villa Formaggio?)

Most real estate developers these days are tapping into the aspirational psyche of the newly-prosperous prospective buyer. They're not just selling four stuccoed walls and a red tile roof, but the long-cherished Filipino dream of a better life, preferably as a non-Filipino

THE GREAT Filipino dream is to live abroad.

Barring that, the next best thing is to live in a place that looks like it belongs abroad.

The biggest trend in real estate development over the last few years has been what might be called "theme park architecture"—housing developments designed to evoke a foreign locale, say, a Swiss village high in the Alps, or a sun-drenched villa in Tuscany.

The advertising brochures say it all:

"Be among the select few to live the Italian way," reads a brochure for an exclusive Alabang subdivision, where the model homes are named after Renaissance masters (although I don't think Rembrandt was Italian; even the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles got that right).

"If you can't get to Southern California, let it come to you," croons the copy for another subdivision, this time in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, where the homes "take the California inspiration with references to Mexico and the Mediterranean."

"Own a piece of the Caribbean in Davao," invites the brochure for another development (the fine print for that one should read: "Just don't be smokin' no ganja, mon, 'less you want the Davao Death Squad to be knockin' at your door").

"You'd think you were in Switzerland!" yodels the copy for "a Swiss-inspired community" in Tagaytay that can't resist the decidedly Pinoy



Imagining the Swiss Alps transported to Tagaytay

urge to call itself "home, Swiss home". And sure enough, the model homes do resemble the gingerbread houses in the old Bear Brand Sterilized Milk commercials (remember that one with the dancing bear?). If it weren't for the heat and humidity, one would almost expect Julie Andrews to come traipsing through the Edelweiss at any moment, singing "The hills are alive..." But wait, that was Austria, wasn't it?

But that's precisely the point, as the copy for an Anglo-Saxon inspired development in Tagaytay baldly states: "Your home in a fantasy world!"

It's not supposed to be the real Europe, with the stinky cheese and women with hairy armpits,

that the real estate developers are selling, but a fantasy Euroland made safe for Filipinos. Not only can you add sugar and sliced hotdogs to the spaghetti sauce, and eat beef stroganoff with rice, but you can also transport a neo-Victorian townhouse to the Brittany coast, or combine Caribbean-style homes with 1940s Miami art deco, and no one will mind.

In marketingspeak, what the prospective homeowner is buying into is a "lifescape," which is the key phrase coined by one of the more aggressive players in the real estate game. A "lifescape," according to their media kits, is "a total environment for the enjoyment of daily living that elevates the

quality of life of residents to new levels of fulfillment... created with a theme inspiration from among the world's most desirable destinations, one that harmonizes with the location and its natural features, combined with thoughtful master planning that strikes up a synergy with the thematic influences, resulting in a one-of-a-kind enclave that captivates the hearts of the fortunate few who will reside in them."

The tone of the advertising copy clearly taps into the aspirational psyche of the newly-prosperous prospective buyer. Most Filipinos are happy to have a roof over their heads, even just a leaky one. But there is a small but growing middle class, with pockets full of OFW dollars, that wants a bit more out of their first home.

It's a classic case of selling the sizzle, not the steak. The real estate developers and their ad agencies obviously have a clear grasp of the fundamental reality of the marketplace: that they're not just selling four stuccoed walls and a red tile roof, but the long-cherished Filipino dream of a better life, preferably as a non-Filipino.

By far, Mediterranean style is the best-seller. After all, who wouldn't rather be Italian, and take three-hour lunches with a siesta afterward?

There is even one development with a pan-Mediterranean theme, where the prospective homeowner can choose from among models that are "stunningly French,"

(continued on page 10)



Chuachiaco-Umali: "Baguio is easier on the wallet"

acting city mayor, Baguio City; Baguio born and bred

"It would have to be San Fernando, Pampanga for me. It has the best of both worlds: the serene scent of a province and the crisp pace of city life. It's the gateway to northern Luzon and Subic. Its economy is bustling so business-oriented folks can start building a fortune here. It has its own cuisine and has the friendliest and smartest people in the country. Religiously, it is perhaps the reason why the

Philippines is the only Christian nation in Asia. Beat that!"—**Ryan Ronquillo, 24, graduate student**

"It's still Baguio. You can get your work done and forget all your troubles at the same time. The air is fresh, the people are easy-going, and you forget your problems when you choose to let them go. The company, the lifestyle, and the spirit of the place carry you higher than the mountain top itself—plus it's easier on the wallet."—**Kathy Chuachiaco-Umali, 29, operations manager, Kitaro Sushi**

"Iloilo City, because I grew up there. Food is fresh and cheap; everybody knows everybody."—**Gus de Castro, 30 something, recruitment and training manager, Araneta Group of Companies; born and raised in Iloilo City; currently living in Quezon City**

"There's no perfect place to live in, but at least, Baguio City comes close. It's like living in California because of its cool climate and good sights. You can jog from Mansion House to Wright Park without



Padlan: Like living in California in Baguio

breaking a sweat. Its cool climate is its best asset, not to mention simple living, cheap transportation, fresh fruits and vegetables and lots of tourist spots. The schools and universities here are competitive enough to produce skilled professionals, plus you'll never get bored because there are discos, coffee shops and malls to unwind in."—**Maureen Padlan, 24, pharmacist, Philippine Children's Medical Center; Baguio born and bred; currently in Metro Manila •**

Welcome to Cheeseville (from page 9)

"romantically Italian," "delightfully Spanish" and "elegantly English" (hey, waitaminnit... that's stretching it a bit, innit?).

An emerging trend is "resort style living," where residential and leisure facilities are combined in one development so that homeowners feel they're on permanent vacation (except when they're at work, that is).

Asian themes are also becoming popular among the more adventurous market segments. A Japanese-style residential development, for instance, promises a "Zen-themed community" (whatever that means) while its sister developments evoke Bali (minus the Jemaah Islamiyah) or Phuket Beach.

"In architecture, form follows function, but in the Philippines, form follows fashion," says architect Francisco "Bobby"



Mañosa, who heads the firm Mañosa & Co. "*Kanya-kayang pakulo* (each to his own whim)."

A long-time advocate of Filipino architecture, Mañosa's landmark designs include the Edsa Shrine and the Coconut Palace, as well as exclusive resorts such as Aman Pulo in Palawan and the Pearl Farm in Davao. His forte, however, is designing residential homes that incorporate vernacular touches and indigenous

Turning Japanese: An ad for a "Zen-themed community"

materials to give them a distinctly Filipino look and feel. His design philosophy is therefore diametrically opposed to that of the "lifescape" developers.

"Don't misunderstand me, it's great marketing," he says. "I admire their strategy. It just doesn't belong to this country. But sad to say, it sells. Everybody wants Mediterranean homes. We have given up on Filipino

architecture, because it is easier to copy than to create. But designing is creating. Designing is innovating. That's what design is all about."

Mañosa has run afoul of the design police on more than one occasion. Many's the time he has had to think of creative ways around the design restrictions of the exclusive subdivisions, where a lot of his clients want to build their homes. Most of them specify "Mediterranean style" homes, meaning stuccoed walls and tile roofs, where Mañosa would rather experiment with, say, bamboo walls and thatched roofs.

But above all, says Mañosa, architecture should foster a sense of place. And not, one supposes, the sense of dislocation and escape from reality that theme-park designs foster.

But then again, maybe that's what makes them such hot sellers in the first place. •

By Gina Abuyuan

Finding a Second Home

How do expats look at the Philippines? Is the country just another pitstop in their career, or has it become a home away from home?



Melissa Alipalo (with baby Simon) with her Pinoy *barkada*

NO place like home, they say. But what if destiny offered you the chance to make a second home? Such is the situation expatriates, or expats, find themselves in: miles away from their countries of birth, and having to adjust to the land and people of their new homes.

People say most expats love the Philippines—maid service is readily available, English is widely spoken, basic stuff and services are cheap and the natives love foreigners.

Four expats tell us exactly what they think:

American Doug Watson, 40, and a call center recruiter, recalls the major adjustments he had to make when he came to live here two and a half years ago.

"I had to learn to slow down and get used to the noise," says this promoter of

Philippines Outsourcing. "I also found out that 'out of stock' really is a menu item that is always in stock!"

Watson still has to get used to the honking of horns on the street ("I wish the P500 fine for unnecessary honking would really be enforced"). But his stay has its rewards: "The beaches, the friendly local people, the business atmosphere, obviously the prices for most services, and the natural attractions provided by the Philippines through its rich cultural and natural history."

Fellow American Richard Dotson, 42, reveals that the Philippines is the first foreign country he's lived in. A local resident for six years now, this internet marketer recounts how it took him some time to figure out how to get things done in the Philippines and "doing it the Filipino way." A major concern,

he laughs, was "avoiding the long lines." In America, he says, "we get very impatient over waiting in line, but here it seems to be a pastime."

It also takes some getting used to being called "Sir," adds Dotson. "Or maybe I'm just getting old."

Despite the country's "people, natural beauty and the excitement of living abroad," Dotson cites the worst thing about the Philippines: "The pollution," says this single father of two sons.

For Peter Keller, 59, a German and local resident for two and a half years, the pollution and the traffic in Manila take a lot of getting used to, "especially during rush hours."

Keller, who spent four years each in Bangladesh and Rwanda, considers the Philippines' best asset as its "wonderfully friendly people who are always ready to help you out and never stop asking you curious questions."

But this father of three is hedging his bets. He says he's still waiting till his children are grown up before deciding if they would stay in Germany or come over.

Melissa Alipalo, 32, a writer who's married to a Filipino, has been a local resident the past seven years.

For this American, understanding the concept of "*delicadeza*" is among the major adjustments she's had to make, "plus the cost of electricity, the quality of the water, and Filipino time and processes."

When in doubt about "*delicadeza*," says Alipalo, she just smiles a lot and keeps her mouth shut.



Watson: Still has to get used to the noise

"But when I can't help it, I adopt the gentle tone that Filipinos use with each other when there's tension. I'm afraid, though, that I do occasionally lose all cultural sensitivity and act like a real expat princess."

She has also become more energy-conscious to cope with the high cost of electric power, she adds. "It's not such a bad thing, though, because it teaches people to value and conserve energy."

The country's water has made her "deathly ill three times" in the past so now, Alipalo says, she drinks only bottled water and never eats salad or raw vegetables in a restaurant.

"Filipino time" is altogether another thing, she sighs. "Everything here takes more time and patience than back home. Simple things are made complicated. I've learned to expect the unexpected, and I try to just smile and wait it out."

Being a foreigner also means being stared at all the time when she's outdoors, something she hates, says Alipalo. "I live in Malate and not in an expat haven like Makati or Alabang, so I can be a novelty. I've generally gotten used to it, but leave it to security guards

(continued on page 12)

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

				9	1		5	
5		1						
					8		4	
6		9		1				
2								3
				5		1		4
	4		3					
							9	7
	3		7	6				

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

5/20

©2007 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Answer to previous puzzle

4	5	8	6	9	1	3	2	7
6	3	7	4	2	5	1	9	8
9	1	2	7	3	8	6	5	4
1	4	6	2	7	9	8	3	5
2	9	3	8	5	4	7	1	6
7	8	5	1	6	3	9	4	2
3	2	1	5	8	6	4	7	9
5	6	9	3	4	7	2	8	1
8	7	4	9	1	2	5	6	3

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

sundayINQUIRERmagazine

sim@inquirer.com.ph

Publisher: Leica R. Carpo

Executive Editor: Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

Associate Editor: Ruel S. De Vera

Staff Writer: Eric S. Caruncho

Graphic Consultant: Paolo Vioria

Editorial Assistant: Sharon M. Felipe

Advertising and Sales Officer: Mylene de Jesus

Product Manager: Ged S. Ventura

Volume 20 No. 62 May 20, 2007

ISSN 0116-232X

Finding a Second Home (from page 11)

to always remind me that I'm 'the other.' They never fail to say, 'Hello, where you from?' I do my best to respond politely because I know they're just being curious and friendly, but I prefer to respond, 'Why? Is that part of your security check?'"

But being "the other" has its perks, she admits. "I think I get better service sometimes because I'm a foreigner. I certainly get tax breaks back home by earning abroad, and my money goes a long way."

What she likes most about living here, says Alipalo, are the weather and the people. "I love the weather. I love the vibrancy of life here. People are everywhere and it's such social living—again that may be because I don't live in a gated community, so I feel Filipino life more acutely. Help is always just around the corner, whether that means your domestic helper or your neighbor, or the *sari-sari* store or *carinderia*. Everything is almost at your fingertips here."

Her one wish, she says, is that "Life here in general, be more efficient and predictable, and that I didn't have to be so dependent on domestic help (although I appreciate them incredibly). Life is pretty good here, though." •

From Gray to Green (from page 6)



features and activities. The group will be working closely with its host communities by initiating social development programs such as partnerships in ecological protection and environmental management, as well as business and livelihood linkages.

Ranging in price from P2 million for a 30-square meter studio to approximately P10 million for a 130-square meter three-bedroom penthouse, the low-rise housing development sounds like a bargain. Every unit has a balcony and will include access to the following amenities: beach and country clubs with complete sports and leisure facilities, resort hotels, a forest park and marine sanctuaries, a marina/yacht club, convention facilities and 24-hour security.

By 2008, Pico de Loro residents can

bypass traffic via a ferry that leaves and docks at SM Bay City. Not only will commuting to the city be a breeze, but it will also give residents a taste of the island life with a view of the sea from their living room, a whiff of fresh ocean breeze and the prospect of acquiring a nice tan enroute to work. Living here will seem like being on a permanent holiday.

Hamilo Coast is accessible via Tagaytay-Nasugbu (114 km), via Ternate-Tourism Highway (under construction) (70 km), via helicopter (20 minutes) from Metro Manila, and by sea via ferry from SM Bay City (operational in 2008).

With Tagaytay Highlands, Taal Vista Hotel and the Mall of Asia under its belt, it's a cinch that SMIC can convince Filipinos to go green with Hamilo Coast. It's resort living without the guilt. •

By Charles E. Buban

This land is my land...

Or, how to buy real estate without getting buried in the process

PERHAPS it springs from some primordial need to own a piece of the earth, to stake a claim and mark one's place in the planet. Or simply to feel rooted, to have a place to call one's own. Whatever the reason, the prospect of owning a piece of real estate is easily the strongest push that drives Filipinos to work overseas.

It could just be a few hundred square meters of grassy meadow, a tiny lot in an urban development, a sprawling farm lot, or a condo unit, but acquiring a property is more complicated than just nursing a dream.

Here's how to get started:

"Newspapers are a good place

to start if you're looking for a lot," suggests Sonny Ducay, a real estate developer. You can also watch out for "For Sale" signs while commuting or driving to work, he adds.

Note the exact location and contact number. Call to inquire about the exact size and price of the property, and when you can schedule a visit. But don't commit to anything yet.

Nothing beats a personal visit to the property as this will give you an idea about the lay of the land. Take note of its exact location and its surroundings. Is it full of trees? Are there rocks or boulders protruding? These concerns will give you a sense of the land's suitability for any future construction to be



Filipino dream: Owning a piece of land

undertaken: Will trees need to be cleared or hills graded? Are you too far from the beaten path that you'll need to dig a well, or create new power, phone, and cable hookups?

Says Ducay: "A lot of home buyers make the mistake of buying a lot without considering the cost of eventually building on it. It's better to factor in a little reserve into your budget. This would include not only the cost of acquiring the land but also preparing or clearing it, as well as putting up the additional structures needed to access basic utilities."

While carefully considering the location, also check the land's proximity to commercial areas, public transport systems, schools, hospitals, police stations, as well as the level of traffic congestion at various hours.

Look into what the future holds for the neighboring properties. Will other houses be built? Is there a plan to build new roads or widen existing roads within the land's immediate vicinity? Is there a possibility of additional buildings or roads that could affect the view from your property, especially if this was one of your prime reasons for choosing it? The barangay, as well as municipal or city hall,

may provide answers to these queries.

You can also try to ask some locals to give you insider info on the history of the property. Was the vacant lot used for some other unsavory purpose, like as a dumping ground or, heaven forbid, was it ever the scene of a crime?

If you're almost 100 percent sure of buying the land, it's important to pay a visit to the Land Registration Authority (LRA) located at the corner of East Avenue and NIA Road in Diliman, Quezon City.

The LRA is the central repository of all land records involving registered or titled lands. Here, one will be able to find tax information as well as other matters, such as title history of records of transactions involving registered or titled lands.

Check if the title is "clean," meaning, there is no pending case attached to the title.

Despite all these added hassles, Ducay says, buying land will never go out of style.

"As they love to say, buy as much land as you can afford, because they aren't making any more of it." •

Figure it Out

P190,000 to P255,000 per square meter: Land value in the Makati Central Business District

P75,000 to P140,000 per square meter: Land value in Ortigas, Pasig City

P8,250 to P11,770 per square meter: cost of land in residential resort Terrazas de Punta Fuego in Nasugbu, Batangas

Upwards of 300 square meters: average lot size in Terrazas de Punta Fuego

P1,000 to P3,000 per square meter: Land value of vacant lots in Bulacan

P400 to P550 per square meter: Monthly rental for office space in Ortigas, Pasig City

P600 to P650 per square meter: Monthly rental for office space in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City

Compiled by Kate Pedroso, Inquirer Research

By Charles E. Buban

This land is my land...

Or, how to buy real estate without getting buried in the process

PERHAPS it springs from some primordial need to own a piece of the earth, to stake a claim and mark one's place in the planet. Or simply to feel rooted, to have a place to call one's own. Whatever the reason, the prospect of owning a piece of real estate is easily the strongest push that drives Filipinos to work overseas.

It could just be a few hundred square meters of grassy meadow, a tiny lot in an urban development, a sprawling farm lot, or a condo unit, but acquiring a property is more complicated than just nursing a dream.

Here's how to get started:

"Newspapers are a good place

to start if you're looking for a lot," suggests Sonny Ducay, a real estate developer. You can also watch out for "For Sale" signs while commuting or driving to work, he adds.

Note the exact location and contact number. Call to inquire about the exact size and price of the property, and when you can schedule a visit. But don't commit to anything yet.

Nothing beats a personal visit to the property as this will give you an idea about the lay of the land. Take note of its exact location and its surroundings. Is it full of trees? Are there rocks or boulders protruding? These concerns will give you a sense of the land's suitability for any future construction to be



Filipino dream: Owning a piece of land

undertaken: Will trees need to be cleared or hills graded? Are you too far from the beaten path that you'll need to dig a well, or create new power, phone, and cable hookups?

Says Ducay: "A lot of home buyers make the mistake of buying a lot without considering the cost of eventually building on it. It's better to factor in a little reserve into your budget. This would include not only the cost of acquiring the land but also preparing or clearing it, as well as putting up the additional structures needed to access basic utilities."

While carefully considering the location, also check the land's proximity to commercial areas, public transport systems, schools, hospitals, police stations, as well as the level of traffic congestion at various hours.

Look into what the future holds for the neighboring properties. Will other houses be built? Is there a plan to build new roads or widen existing roads within the land's immediate vicinity? Is there a possibility of additional buildings or roads that could affect the view from your property, especially if this was one of your prime reasons for choosing it? The barangay, as well as municipal or city hall,

may provide answers to these queries.

You can also try to ask some locals to give you insider info on the history of the property. Was the vacant lot used for some other unsavory purpose, like as a dumping ground or, heaven forbid, was it ever the scene of a crime?

If you're almost 100 percent sure of buying the land, it's important to pay a visit to the Land Registration Authority (LRA) located at the corner of East Avenue and NIA Road in Diliman, Quezon City.

The LRA is the central repository of all land records involving registered or titled lands. Here, one will be able to find tax information as well as other matters, such as title history of records of transactions involving registered or titled lands.

Check if the title is "clean," meaning, there is no pending case attached to the title.

Despite all these added hassles, Ducay says, buying land will never go out of style.

"As they love to say, buy as much land as you can afford, because they aren't making any more of it." •

Figure it Out

P190,000 to P255,000 per square meter: Land value in the Makati Central Business District

P75,000 to P140,000 per square meter: Land value in Ortigas, Pasig City

P8,250 to P11,770 per square meter: cost of land in residential resort Terrazas de Punta Fuego in Nasugbu, Batangas

Upwards of 300 square meters: average lot size in Terrazas de Punta Fuego

P1,000 to P3,000 per square meter: Land value of vacant lots in Bulacan

P400 to P550 per square meter: Monthly rental for office space in Ortigas, Pasig City

P600 to P650 per square meter: Monthly rental for office space in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City

Compiled by Kate Pedroso, Inquirer Research

By Tony Maghirang

Designing homes for health, harmony and wealth

The latest trend in interior design is at least 2000 years old, and the country's most powerful Tsinoy families swear by it

SHERBIE Co is an interior designer who began dabbling in feng shui because her clients demanded advice on this before implementing her suggested renovations, moving into a new house or investing in a proposed condominium project. It didn't hurt that Co has been into New Age since college and that her questioning mind kept looking for a reason behind things she couldn't explain right away. Her approach is to find harmony between New Age practices and feng shui that would help improve her designing abilities.

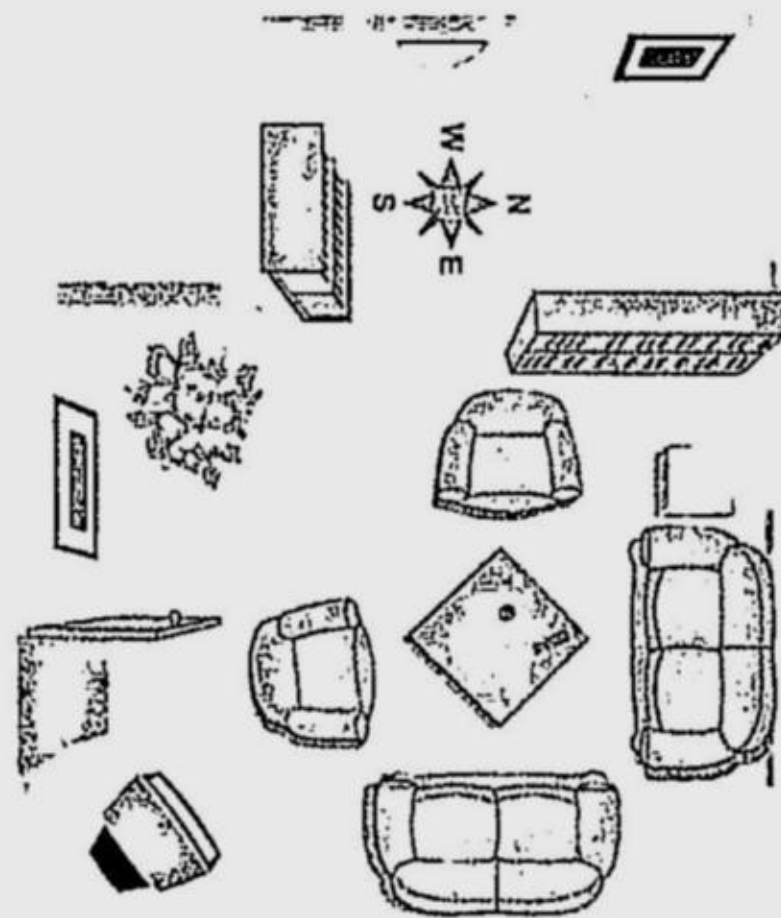
She says, "When I was starting out, a few of my Chinese clients were feng shui fanatics. They would not make a move—start construction or occupy a new house—unless they had consulted their feng shui master. And I'm talking here of big-time industrialists, second in prominence to the likes of John Gokongwei, Lucio Tan or Henry Sy, I thought there had to be something about feng shui that attracted these very powerful people."

Then there were personal experiences that reinforced her belief that feng shui can help improve people's lives, or at least make them more interesting. She recounts: "There was this couple who moved into a feng shui'd condo, and a few months later, the apparently barren wife got pregnant. My finances aren't doing well and I rearrange my home furniture according to the lucky direction of my feng shui, and, surprise! my financial health improves."

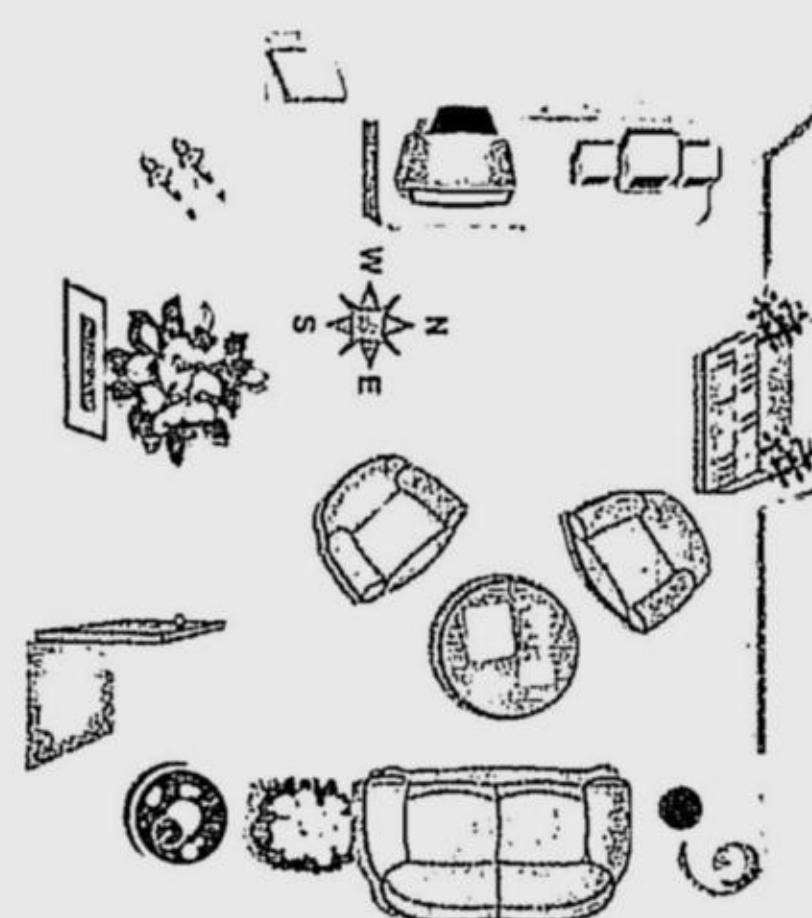
Central to feng shui is the *ch'i*, also called energy or life force, which is believed to bring forth health, prosperity, honor and harmony. "To derive the greatest benefit from it, *ch'i* should be accumulated gently, and not trapped so as to render its potential useless," says Co.

To manipulate *ch'i* in a house, the occupant should understand the effects of the five elements, namely, earth, fire, water, wood and metal. The conceptual relations of these elements constitute a cycle: metal to carry water, water to let wood grow, wood to feed the fire, wood when it becomes ashes is earth, which is the center of life (in pre-industrial times).

Feng shui derives from a cycle and astute observations of natural occurrences in



Bad vibes: Sharp corners and angles from the coffee table and open shelves direct a cutting *ch'i* or bad energy to the people seated on the sofa (left). A major overhaul has squared up the room (right) and improved the feng shui. Warm yellow walls are also more welcoming for visitors and encourage conversation.



Illustrations by LA Mistades

ancient China, adds Co. She notes though that feng shui has to be retro-fitted to adapt to the limitations of urban space in the 21st century. The bottomline is to bring back order and harmony with nature, even in the confines of a congested metropolis.

For example, in Co's renovated unit at the top floor of a three-story house, the faucet is placed about two feet away from the gas stove. That's water a spit away from fire, which violates a cardinal rule in the relationship of the five elements, she cites. Co compensates by placing a potted plant and a small metal sheet divider between these two opposing elements.

As a respected interior designer, Co can rattle off the essentials of good design: good layout, proper lighting, smooth traffic flow, good air circulation and aesthetic visuals or taste. Simple but well-planned designs make her day.

This designer admits, however, that attracting clients to invest in feng shui'd projects can be tricky. Most people, especially native Pinoys, regard it as a crazy quilt of pop psychology, astronomy, superstition and mysticism. She thinks, however, that feng shui follows the higher law on the natural order of things and it wouldn't hurt to use it as a guide to better living.

Some of her common sense advice include:

- Use the birth date to determine the best location for the entrance of the house and rooms for the family.
- The main door facing East does not necessarily bring good luck. Again, it depends on the birth date of the main occupant.
- Use good sense and aesthetics. If you're building a mansion, provide enough doors and windows to allow good air circulation and ventilation. A small door for a big house constricts the flow of money. Money should circulate freely in order to grow.
- Bad feng shui means poor management of surroundings. There may be too much clutter to impede the movement of people or increase the possibility of accidents.
- A house located directly on the path of a road pushes the *ch'i* to move fast rather than to be gathered gently. The same goes for the flow of vehicular traffic; one wrong turn (or lost brake) and a wayward vehicle could come crashing into you.

Co says the country's Chinese business leaders may be building up business interests in each of the five feng shui elements to complete the cycle and drive their conglomerates to even bigger success. There's a 2,000-year-old civilization behind feng shui and it would be too churlish to disown wisdom gathered through the ages, she cautions. •

When overachievers come to TOWNS

THEY'VE proven these words right 128 times since 1974, "Sometimes, the best man for the job is a woman."

Named as The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service, the awardees have excelled in their respective fields and wielded their dreams to bring about positive change. They include such familiar names as political activist Dinky Soliman, anti-crime crusader Teresita Ang-See, environmentalist Chin Chin Gutierrez, broadcaster Cheche Lazaro, ballet dancer Liza Macuja, forensic pathologist Dr. Raquel Fortun, designer Dita Sandico-Ong, actress Boots Anson-Roa, Senators Loren Legarda and Leticia Shahani, lawyers Lorna Kapunan and Evalyn Ursua, advertising leader Yolly Ong and Erap impeachment heroine Clarissa Ocampo.

TOWNS is out to prove that there are more women out there who deserve the same recognition for their outstanding work in government, the academe, business and civil society. Nominees are evaluated based on their exceptional achievements in their field of endeavor and their selfless commitment to use their talent and skills for worthwhile projects.

If you know of overachieving Filipino women aged 21 to 45 as of the July 31, 2007 deadline, log on to www.towns.org.ph for nomination forms, or email townsimelda@yahoo.com, or nlyuson@museopambata.org. You may also call the TOWNS Secretariat at 833-1125 or 831-5196, or Museo Pambata Foundation at 523-1797 to 98, fax 522-1246. •



Mandy Navasero

Dita Sandico Ong, Evelyn Singson, Teresita Ang See, Imelda Virginia Villar and Dr. Mona Valisno: Exceptional women

Taking the Spice Road

WITH the election fever winding down, it might be time to take on another kind of heat, one that satisfies the palate without getting us too hot under the collar.

Why not go through the Spice Road and experience the influences of a melting pot of culture from the vast Ottoman Empire? From the 16th to the 17th centuries, the Empire spanned three continents from Europe, Middle East and North Africa and gave the world a taste of Arabian cuisine.

Mandarin Oriental Manila recreates that culture with its "Arabian Nights," a lavish feast of dishes traditionally served in wedding receptions and religious festivals. The food extravaganza helps you understand why the kitchen was the center of power at that time.

"Arabian Nights" features Lebanese guest chef Rgheb bou Dargham of Moevenpick Hotel Beirut and offers a succulent buffet of



lamb, chicken and beef. To complement the hearty meal, Arabic coffee and "arak" will be served, as well as "shishas" that offer a variety of delightful piping flavors.

At the poolside, until May 27. For inquiries, call 819 9667, 750 8888 ext. 2220. •

Yoga for beginners, among others

INTERNATIONAL Iyengar yoga instructor Cle Souren will conduct yoga seminars from May 24 to 28 at the Manila Polo Club Fitness Center on 17 McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati.

Souren is the founder/director of the B.K.S. Iyengar-Yoga Institute, Amsterdam and the founder of the B.K.S. Iyengar Yoga Association in Holland. He has over 32 years of experience and is known to strictly adhere to the spirit of the tradition of his Guruji, Yogacharya B.K. S. Iyengar.

Classes will include sessions for beginners (Levels I-IV), General (Levels I-IV) and Teachers. For schedules and details, call Cris Mercado at 884-1219/ 0917-7933 796, or email cris.mercado@johnclements.com. •

When overachievers come to TOWNS

THEY'VE proven these words right 128 times since 1974, "Sometimes, the best man for the job is a woman."

Named as The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service, the awardees have excelled in their respective fields and wielded their dreams to bring about positive change. They include such familiar names as political activist Dinky Soliman, anti-crime crusader Teresita Ang-See, environmentalist Chin Chin Gutierrez, broadcaster Cheche Lazaro, ballet dancer Liza Macuja, forensic pathologist Dr. Raquel Fortun, designer Dita Sandico-Ong, actress Boots Anson-Roa, Senators Loren Legarda and Leticia Shahani, lawyers Lorna Kapunan and Evalyn Ursua, advertising leader Yolly Ong and Erap impeachment heroine Clarissa Ocampo.

TOWNS is out to prove that there are more women out there who deserve the same recognition for their outstanding work in government, the academe, business and civil society. Nominees are evaluated based on their exceptional achievements in their field of endeavor and their selfless commitment to use their talent and skills for worthwhile projects.

If you know of overachieving Filipino women aged 21 to 45 as of the July 31, 2007 deadline, log on to www.towns.org.ph for nomination forms, or email townsimelda@yahoo.com, or nlyuson@museopambata.org. You may also call the TOWNS Secretariat at 833-1125 or 831-5196, or Museo Pambata Foundation at 523-1797 to 98, fax 522-1246. •



Mandy Navasero

Dita Sandico Ong, Evelyn Singson, Teresita Ang See, Imelda Virginia Villar and Dr. Mona Valisno: Exceptional women

Taking the Spice Road

WITH the election fever winding down, it might be time to take on another kind of heat, one that satisfies the palate without getting us too hot under the collar.

Why not go through the Spice Road and experience the influences of a melting pot of culture from the vast Ottoman Empire? From the 16th to the 17th centuries, the Empire spanned three continents from Europe, Middle East and North Africa and gave the world a taste of Arabian cuisine.

Mandarin Oriental Manila recreates that culture with its "Arabian Nights," a lavish feast of dishes traditionally served in wedding receptions and religious festivals. The food extravaganza helps you understand why the kitchen was the center of power at that time.

"Arabian Nights" features Lebanese guest chef Rgheb bou Dargham of Moevenpick Hotel Beirut and offers a succulent buffet of



lamb, chicken and beef. To complement the hearty meal, Arabic coffee and "arak" will be served, as well as "shishas" that offer a variety of delightful piping flavors.

At the poolside, until May 27. For inquiries, call 819 9667, 750 8888 ext. 2220. •

Yoga for beginners, among others

INTERNATIONAL Iyengar yoga instructor Cle Souren will conduct yoga seminars from May 24 to 28 at the Manila Polo Club Fitness Center on 17 McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati.

Souren is the founder/director of the B.K.S. Iyengar-Yoga Institute, Amsterdam and the founder of the B.K.S. Iyengar Yoga Association in Holland. He has over 32 years of experience and is known to strictly adhere to the spirit of the tradition of his Guruji, Yogacharya B.K. S. Iyengar.

Classes will include sessions for beginners (Levels I-IV), General (Levels I-IV) and Teachers. For schedules and details, call Cris Mercado at 884-1219/ 0917-7933 796, or email cris.mercado@johnclements.com. •



Solving Men's Hairloss And Baldness!

No matter how severe your hairloss problem is, Svenson has the answer. For 26 years, we have treated early baldness to prevent it from progressing and have found solutions for advanced hairloss, dandruff and other scalp irritations. Our hair restoration technology has been proven effective in restoring real hair that's totally natural. We guarantee you'll look years younger and be definitely more confident. It's time to end your hairloss and baldness. Call Svenson now.

Call 892-HAIR

Svenson
INTERNATIONAL

End Your Hairloss Misery Today

MAKATI 15/F GT Tower • TOMAS MORATO 3/F CKB Center • BINONDO 11/F Federal Tower Bldg. • ALABANG 4/F Citibank-Frabelle Bldg. • CEBU 7/F Keppel Centre 234-0851